

## PRINCESS ENA SAVES A MAN'S LIFE

She Induces King Alfonso to Pardon Fernando Levera. Condemned to Death.

ON HIS WAY TO THE GALLOWS.

It Attracts Widespread Attention and Greatly Admires Princess's Popularity.

Madrid, May 27.—The first notable act of Princess Ena of Battenberg since her arrival in Spain to become the bride of King Alfonso XIII has been to induce the king to pardon Fernando Levera, who was condemned to death, after an exciting trial. The dramatic circumstances under which pardon was given, as the condemned man was going to the gallows, attracted widespread attention, and further augmented the popularity of Princess Ena.

Levera was to have been executed in the neighboring town of Badajoz, but the population solicited Princess Ena's intervention, and she spoke to the king, who consulted with his advisers, and after a cabinet council the government resolved to grant the request, as it was the first petition the princess had made in Spain. Thereupon the king issued a pardon, and a telegram announcing this fact reached the prison at Badajoz half an hour before the time set for the execution. The march to the scaffold was about to begin when a messenger brought word of the pardon.

There were remarkable scenes of rejoicing. The townspeople formed a procession and sang the praises of the princess-to-be. The people of Madrid also highly approve the princess's humane intervention, and the newspapers comment upon the coming queen's first act as being one of mercy.

The Prado palace was again the scene of royal ceremonies today, the first weather permitting of open air religious services on the lawns of the palace, where the military bishop celebrated mass.

It was a pretty sight, with the brilliant uniforms of the soldiers forming a background for the royal personages. Princess Ena's interest in the Spanish uniforms led King Alfonso to summon six soldiers, representing the various arms and accoutrements. This was a source of special satisfaction to the influential army element.

The cabinet ministers have had their share in the prevailing enthusiasm over Alfonso's fiancée. Premier Morel expressed his official view while drinking a toast to the princess. Addressing King Alfonso, the premier said:

"Sir, you have brought us a treasure. May I please God to make us worthy to conserve it."

AT THE ROYAL PALACE.

Madrid, May 27.—The royal palace of Madrid is doubly interesting today, both as the scene of the wedding of King Alfonso XIII and as the future home of the royal couple. The suite of apartments designed for the future queen has been most lavishly decorated with the richest art treasures from the galleries of Spain. But, aside from this, the palace itself is one of the largest and most sumptuous of Europe. It is built on the former site of the Alcázar of the ancient kings, from plans by the Italian artist, Giovanni Battista Sacchetti. The first stone was laid in 1738, and 26 years afterward Charles III took possession of the palace and began the decoration of the interior. The expenditure amounted to 200,000,000 reales. Immense substructures give the palace a dominating position on the Manzanares river, and for this reason it is not only a palace, but of a great citadel commanding the city. It covers an expanse of 25,500 square meters, 450 feet on each side and 150 feet high. The massive structure is of granite throughout, except the frames of the doors and windows, which are of marble.

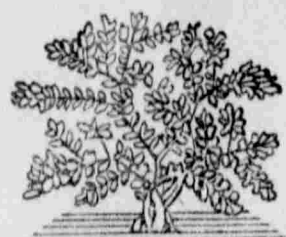
The entrance to the royal palace, which is reached by the approach, has been further enriched for the present occasion. It is gorgeously carpeted and ornamented, illuminated day and night by myriads of electric lights concealed within the rich gold cornices, with halobediers in their brilliant uniforms acting as guards. At the first landing, serving as pillars to the balustrade, there are two enormous grilles of stone, the work of the sculptors Castro and Michel.

It is well known that Napoleon I had a jealous regard for these lions on the day he admired the palace, remarking to his brother that they were better housed than he himself in Paris.

The high vaulted ceiling contains notable paintings by the Neapolitan artist, Canova Disquinto. The Salle des Ambassadeurs, where the imposing reception will take place after the wedding, is one of the most splendid apartments of the palace, with fittings of inimitable value. The walls are hung with crimson velvet and gold ornaments. The enormous mirrors, which came from the royal factory of St. Germain, are surrounded by heavy gold frames of the time of Charles IV, while intervening statues of bronze and marble represent heroes, pagan gods and allegorical figures. On each side of the throne are statues of Prudence and Justice, represented as the councilors of kings.

The royal throne is under a superb red canopy situated above the steps, richly carpeted in the same color. At

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either side stand four gilt lions, representing as controlling the world. The ceiling forms a brilliant contrast, being clear and luminous. It was executed by the famous Venetian painter, Tiepolo, and is said to be one of the most finished decorative works in the world. The idea developed in this vast composition is "The Glory of the Spanish Monarchy," represented by a proud monarch seated on a throne and attended by allegorical deities. The imagination of some recent visitors to the gorgeous apartment has led to the report that Princess Ena greatly resembles the monarch seated on a throne. Many of the salons are decorated with rich embroidered clothes and the luxurious furniture and ceiling were painted by Manes, Balyen, Velasquez, Vincente Lopez and Juan Rivera. Princess Ena is said to take special interest in the china hall, so-called, not because the royal china is kept there, but because the ceiling and walls are covered with porcelain, the joints of which are cleverly concealed by figures in polychrome relief. Another sumptuous salon is the large dining hall, decorated with tapestry woven in gold and silver, by Pannemaker of Brussels, for Philip II.

Besides the foregoing main apartments there are many others of great richness. Some of them contain famous collections of old clocks, others, including the chapel, contain most interesting relics of the Christian era.

The wedding dress of Princess Ena has attracted great interest in Spain, as it is only a Spanish product in fabric and finish, except for the wonderful Brussels lace which has been bought to adorn it. It was a fancy of the king and the queen mother that the wedding dress should be made in Spain, and the princess graciously fell in with this patriotic sentiment. The dress is therefore one of the special presents from the king and is a marvel of elegance. The silk was manufactured on a special pattern in one of the large Spanish silk establishments. It was made up with all the artistic skill of the court dressmakers. The silk is heavily overlaid with folds of the finest Brussels lace, said to have cost \$30 a yard. The laces were publicly exhibited before being put on the dress and excited the admiration and astonishment of the aristocratic ladies of Madrid. Drapery blossoms are profusely used with the silver embroideries and laces for the corsage, and even in dainty clusters along the train, which is four yards long. According to Spanish tradition, the bride must afterward present this wedding dress to the Virgin de la Paloma, the popular protectress of maternity.

### UNDERWRITERS WILL INCREASE INSURANCE RATES.

Oakland, May 28.—The board of underwriters of the Pacific, which organization fixes the insurance rates for the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, Montana, Idaho and Utah, and the territories of Alaska and Arizona, has decided to increase the rates and the 1,000 insurance agents of the board, companies in California will be notified of the raise.

The rules existing before the catastrophe of April 18, under which a board company was allowed permission in certain cases to meet the rate made by non-board companies, have been abrogated and no board company will until further notice be permitted to vary from the rates to be fixed by the board of underwriters.

The matter of fixing increased and special rates for San Francisco has been discussed by the board of underwriters, but thus far no schedule has been adopted. The insurance men say that the crippled condition of the San Francisco fire department and the impairment of the water plant there makes the hazard against fire greater and justifies them in raising the rates on new policies.

The return of H. F. Atwood, chairman of the general association of companies from the east is awaited with interest. Atwood, who came here from Rochester, N. Y., was summoned to the west to lay before the home officers of the big United States companies the conditions as he found them in San Francisco. His report that makes it to the home offices will depend in a great measure, it is said, the course to be followed by the insurance corporations in settling the claims in San Francisco and other places that suffered from fire following the earthquake.

### FIVE PEOPLE KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Mobile, Ala., May 27.—During a ball game three miles from this city this afternoon lightning struck in the midst of the crowd of spectators, killing five and more or less injuring 25 others.

The dead:

Donald Tourant, aged 21.

Steven Tourant, 19.

Arthur Moody, 19.

Two negroes, John Green and Charles Thomas.

Seriously injured:

John Yokers and Frederick Johnson.

Painfully injured:

Fred Burble, Joe Dolbear and George Cleveland.

Twenty shocked and knocked down by the stroke, but recovered, and were able to leave the grounds unaided. The field was strewn with bits of shoes and clothing torn from the bodies of the victims by the lightning.

TO INSPECT MANCHURIA.

Tokio, May 27.—Vice Admiral Togo, Gen. Kuroki and Marquis Ito, with a suite of admirals and generals will start shortly on a tour of inspection in Manchuria. This important mission is supposed to be the outcome of the recent state council at which though the details have not been known, it is understood weighty decisions were reached respecting the Manchurian railways which are intended to be permanently run by the government. This naturally will necessitate the floating of another big loan. Opinions are divided as to the prospect of the railways, but a hopeful opinion prevails.

RUSSIAN WARDEN SHOT.

St. Petersburg, May 27.—M. Shataloff, warden of the city prison here, was shot four times today and mortally wounded by an eighteen-year-old youth who was executing a Social Revolutionary sentence in revenge for Shataloff's bad treatment of political prisoners. The assassin, whose name is Skutlman, killed a beggar who tried to stop him but afterward was arrested.

KILLED BY A BASEBALL.

Houston, Tex., May 27.—While taking part in an amateur game of baseball, Stanek Wisnoki, aged 20, was struck by a thrown ball, and after recovering the ball and throwing to a base, fell dead.

## ALL RUSSIA IS ON THE QUI VIVE

Awaiting With Breathless Anxiety Government's Reply to Lower House's Action.

PARLIAMENT REVOLUTIONARY.

Press Very Pessimistic, Fully Recognizing Great Gravity of the Situation.

St. Petersburg, May 28.—With breathless anxiety, society awaits the government's response to the bold action of the lower house of parliament Saturday, which, in censuring the ministry and demanding its retirement, was like a deliberate slap in the face and a direct challenge which the government, though inclined to prefer its usual policy of temporization and compromise, can hardly avoid meeting.

Parliament has burned the bridge, and virtually has taken the step which the French states-general did when it transformed itself into a national convention. By flouting the fundamental laws and practically declaring that it proposes to exercise full parliamentary rights it has become in the eyes of the law a revolutionary body, and from that position there seems no retreat.

The news of the action of the house came like an electric shock, the people being generally as greatly surprised as the bureaucracy at the promptness with which the whole of the government's policy was absolutely scorned. Both sides recognize the acuteness and seriousness of the moment, but panic is in the government and not the popular camp.

Premier Gorenykin went to Peterhof immediately after the adjournment of Saturday's session to confer with the emperor and Sunday devoted agitation conferences between the administrator and the leader. The Constitutional Democratic chiefs are displaying calmness in the face of the crisis. They declare that having delivered their reply they purpose to go calmly ahead with the work before them, forcing the government to take the initiative. The strength of their position lies in the expected decree of amnesty. They and especially the peasantry, who are sure to be discontented with the flat concerning the expropriation of lands, is behind parliament in its intention of the government's policy as utterly unacceptable.

"The government, if it dares to fight," said M. Kokoshin, one of the Constitutional Democratic members of the house, "can dare the partition of the house, but the victory of the bureaucracy would be only temporary. It would inevitably be followed shortly by a bloody revolution which would put an end to the present government standing. The emperor must choose between a real constitutional government and the loss not only of his crown, but probably of his head."

The Social Democrats and Social Revolutionists are delighted at the turn of events, believing they furnish just the stimulus needed for the rising tide are planning. The Terrorists were quick to seize the opportunity for a series of blows in widely separated parts of the country, the news of which forms a prominent feature in this morning's newspapers. Instead of the expected decree of amnesty, the attempts at Tiflis and Sebastopol are convincing indications of the determination of the fighting organization to resume its campaign of assassination with full vigor.

The press today almost without exception, is pessimistic, recognizing the extreme gravity of the situation and the tempest which the denial of the right of forced expropriation of land will provoke among the peasantry. The Reich declares that the government's reasoning in this respect is false and fallacious, the expropriation of land standing practically on the same basis now as in 1861.

Prof. Kareffin, in a special article, says a parallel of the early stages of the French revolution is now complete. He invites the ministry to abdicate for the 1906 events those of 1793 and then to consider whether they wish to continue their present course.

The Slovo, the Octoberist organ, falls behind none of the others in sharpness of criticism, declaring that the government has proclaimed war on parliament. Orders for the guard corps to go into summer camp at Krasnoye-Selo have been countermanded, and it is supposed they will be retained here in readiness to cope with any outbreak.

SEA OF JAPAN BATTLE.

Anniversary Celebrated With Great Festivities in Tokio.

Tokio, May 27.—Today, the anniversary of the battle of the Sea of Japan, the navy's red letter day, was celebrated with brilliant festivities which were graced by the presence of the crown prince.

PROGRESS OF THE DEWEY.

Washington, May 27.—Computations made by the bureau of navigation of the navy department on the shipping reports of the location of the Dewey drydock in the Indian ocean May 22 indicate that the Dewey has made an average of 100 miles per day since leaving the straits of Babel Mandeb. This is regarded as particularly good time, especially in the Indian ocean, as heavy weather was expected, which would delay the progress of the Dewey.

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FATAL AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

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