

search for and publish the ancient records of the founders of the Karageorgievich family. The accommodating secretary contrived to unearth an ancient manuscript hitherto unknown to students of Serbian history, in which it was recorded that the first Karageorgievich who occupied the Serbian throne wore a crown not of gold, but of iron, in token of the fact that he had defeated the Turks and liberated the Serbian people with weapons of this metal.

No one but the king's confidential secretary had ever seen this manuscript and there is no other record that the first Karageorgievich wore an iron crown; nevertheless, King Peter issued a solemn proclamation to his people that he would not be crowned with a golden crown, but with an iron crown, in accordance with the noble tradition of his glorious family.

In this ingenious way King Peter surmounted the difficulty of having an iron crown, while he will be crowned on Sept. 21 with a simple ring of iron because he has no money to buy a golden crown, the great mass of his subjects believe that this metal is chosen for a great historical reason, which appeals to their national sentiment. There remains, however, the difficulty of covering the expenses of the coronation festivities. The legislature still refuses to grant the necessary amount, although King Peter has made repeated requests that this comparatively small favor should be granted to him. If the legislature persists in its refusal, King Peter will be obliged to plunge heavily into debt to raise the necessary fund.

BELIEVE HIM GUILTY.

King Peter is faced by other formidable difficulties in connection with the coronation. Since he ascended the Serbian throne it has been his constant endeavor to persuade all the monarchs of Europe to recognize him as the rightful King of Serbia, and as a royal sovereign possessing absolute equality of rank and dignity with them. It is his especial desire that the formal recognition of his claim should be indicated through the presence at his coronation of a member of every royal family in Europe. This would not only proclaim him to all the world as a king recognized to be the worthy peer of the kaiser, the czar and the other proud monarchs of Europe, but it would vastly increase his prestige among his own subjects and strengthen his trembling hold on the reins of government.

Hitherto the monarchs of Europe have not shown any inclination to recognize King Peter as a worthy member of their exalted order. Although it has not been conclusively proved that King Peter directly participated in the conspiracy which led to the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga, there are good grounds for believing that he was well aware of what was going to happen. The fact that the identical officers who took the most prominent part in the actual murder of Alexander and Draga have been the most powerful men in Serbia since Peter's accession strengthens the grave suspicion. Even with the support and encouragement offered to him by the great powers of Europe, King Peter has been unable to banish the assassins from his court or to dismiss them from their influential positions.

The kaiser and the czar and other royal personages in Europe would thus be exposing the whole monarchical principle to ridicule if they acknowledged as their equal a king who ascended to his throne after participating in the assassination of his predecessor. Consequently it is certain that no great royal personage will be present at King Peter's coronation, which will be unique in this respect.

DECLINED WITH THANKS.

Aware of the disgrace which this circumstance brings upon him in the eyes of the world and of the loss of prestige which he will suffer in Serbia, King Peter has strenuously attempted to fawn the hearts of the monarchs of Europe. He sent his daughter, Princess Helena, who was educated under the supervision of her mother's sister, Grand Duchess Militsa, in St. Petersburg, to beg the czar to send some member of the Russian imperial family, even if it were the youngest and most insignificant prince, to represent him at the coronation. The czar refused, and Russia will be represented at the coronation simply by the Russian diplomatic representatives at Belgrade, who is quite a subordinate member of the Russian diplomatic service.

King Peter dispatched another special emissary to beg the kaiser to send a German prince as his representative to the coronation, but William II refused even to receive the emissary.

Mr. Simitch, a former prime minister of Serbia, was sent to London to appeal to King Edward to treat King Peter less harshly than the other monarchs. The English government gave Mr. Simitch clearly to understand that it was quite out of the question for any prince of the royal blood to represent England at the coronation. He was further informed that King Edward and the English government regarded King Peter's subservience to King Alexander's assassins with such contempt and suspicion that England would refuse to have diplomatic intercourse whatever with Serbia until the criminals were utterly banished from court and from positions of influence.

Another appeal addressed to the aged

and benevolent Emperor of Austria elicited the emphatic reply that the honor of the House of Hapsburg could not be soiled by the presence of one of its members at the coronation of a king whose hands are stained with blood. Rebuffed and rebuked on all sides, King Peter cannot contemplate his coronation in a happy frame of mind.

THE TERROR OF ASSASSINATION.

It is not only the contemptuous hostility of the great powers of Europe that makes King Peter unhappy on the Serbian throne. Ever since his arrival in Belgrade a few days after the murder of his predecessor, he has lived in mortal terror of assassination. Hitherto every prince and king who occupied the Serbian throne either has been assassinated or driven into exile after a compulsory abdication, and King Peter has every reason to fear that he will be no exception to this rule. He is well aware that the officers who killed King Alexander and summoned him to the throne would not hesitate to murder him in precisely the same way if he ceased to be their tool. He is merely the puppet of a king sitting on the blood-stained throne simply to carry out the will of this group of murderous military dictators, whose unbearable tyranny has alienated the masses of the people to such an extent that one or the other malignant, burning with his own and others' wrongs, is likely enough to terminate the national misery by putting a bullet through King Peter's royal body.

King Peter has wisely entrusted his personal safety to foreigners. Immediately after his accession to the throne he formed a bodyguard composed of men who have served in the Swiss army, and he surrounds himself with his Swiss protectors day and night. When he makes a journey through his dominions the Swiss bodyguard accompanies him to keep his loving subjects at a safe distance. When he drives out in the streets of Belgrade the Swiss bodyguard surrounds his carriage. During the daytime the Swiss bodyguard supplies the sentries standing round the royal palace and at night they hold the palace and the approaches thereto in force, so as to prevent the repetition of such a treacherous attack as ended Alexander's reign.

HAUNTED BY GHOSTS.

Even with this precaution King Peter has no peace of mind or feeling of security. His palace is situated a stone's throw from the old Konak, in which Alexander and Draga were murdered, and the vicinity is disagreeable to King Peter. When he gets up in the morning the Konak catches his eye, reminding him of the fate which may overtake him. When distinguished visitors come to his palace he finds their glances wandering furtively in the direction of the Konak with horror and aversion. He cannot leave his palace without driving past the Konak and cannot walk in his own garden except in the Konak's shadow. During the long weary hours of the night the Konak appears to him in nightmare as an appalling burden slowly crushing him to death.

The Konak troubles him so much that he has ordered it to be pulled down and the work of demolition is now proceeding. In his dreams the king sees the ghosts of Alexander and Draga and Draga's brother, Lieut. Lunjevitch, and the Premier Markovitch, who lost their lives in the fatal night at the Konak, hovering around him with undying hatred and horrible menace imprinted on their ethereal features, and he has come to believe that he made a sorry bargain when he exchanged his peaceful exile in free Switzerland for the swabbling throne of Serbia. The crown which he strove to wrest from the Obrenovitchs for so many long years has brought him neither happiness nor satisfaction, nevertheless he clings to his semblance of royal power with the grip of desperation.

GEORGE WEISS.

GORGEOUS YOUNG

BRADLEY MARTIN.

Going to Have a Highland Wedding Garment Such as Was Never Dreamed Of Even by King Edward.

Special Correspondence.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—When young Bradley Martin weds Miss Phillips of New York at a church in the Scottish Highlands towards the end of the present month, he will be arrayed as probably no bridegroom was ever arrayed before. The happy couple will be married in Highland costume, and at least all the men present on the occasion will wear Highland dress.

Many Scotsmen cannot understand why a young couple, who never saw Scotland until a few years ago should encroach on what they regard as their own exclusive right and privilege. They forget that the Bradley Martins claim descent from old Clan Menzies. But what is exciting Scottish jealousy most is that the young bridegroom will be adorned in such a set of kilts as no Scottish chieftain has ever aspired to. The king's Highland tailors in Edinburgh have the work in hand and the most expert workmen in the United

Kingdom have been gathered together to make the different garments.

A famous specialist in Highland costume who has been consulted in this matter by the king's firm, has given the writer the following details of what the costume is going to be like, and what it will cost approximately.

The doublet, which is the Highland term for the coat, will cost at least \$25.00. It will be manufactured of velvet lined with rich silk with head and all-over lace. It will be adorned with 20 buttons, and as these are to be of diamonds set in gold, they will constitute the most expensive item in connection with the garments. Ten men will be employed for six days on this marvelous doublet. The waistcoat will be of white satin creased and diamond stitched by hand. With the six buttons, diamonds set in gold, it will cost anything between \$10.00 and \$15.00.

The kilt, which will be of specially manufactured Menzies tartan and adorned with four rosettes made of expensive silk ribbon, will cost about \$250. The sporran made of beaver skin will be adorned with two eyes made of precious stones and the whole will be mounted on gold and will cost about \$250.

The belt, fastened by gold buckles, is to cost \$150.

The dirk, made of the best Sheffield steel and mounted in gold and calumny, a species of Scotch quartz which is rare and expensive, cost \$50.

The stockings, made of the best silk tartan with silver fastenings, will cost \$25.

The shoes, fastened by gold buckles, \$25.

The plaid, specially woven, will be fastened on the left shoulder by means of a gold clasp, and hanging loosely over the body. The clasp is usually adorned with a thistle formed of some precious stones. The king's plaid cost \$100 and it is supposed that Bradley Martin's will not cost less.

The Balmoral cap with crest and adorned with wood-cock feathers held on by gold clasp, will cost about \$50. The wood-cock feathers indicate that

the wearer is not chief of his clan. Had he been he would wear eagle feathers.

Slouch: This is the Gaelic term for the knife, which finds a place down the side of the right stocking. The blade is of best Sheffield steel and the handle of deer horn; it will be ornamented with diamonds set in gold fittings and will cost between \$15 and \$100.

According to present arrangements the bride will wear a white satin gown with a Menzies plaid hanging from the left shoulder. This is not the orthodox Highland ladies' costume, but it is supposed to be more in keeping with the occasion. The bridegroom's gorgeous dress is discussed in the leading tailors' shops in London and Edinburgh and men who have been accustomed to work in both cities say that Bradley Martin has surpassed the king in the matter of expense and design.

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Statements from St. Petersburg would seem to indicate that Gen. Baron Kaulbars and Gen. Linevitch are to succeed Gen. Kuropatkin in supreme command of the Russian army in the far east. Kuropatkin will not be recalled, but he will be under the direction of these men. If this statement proves true it means another victory for the "Grand Duke Party."

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