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"The Other Side" Of The Tragic Story Of Queen Draga.

containing such notices. ME,-The pope, when informed of the Belgrade tragedy, was deeply shocked and exclaimed:

"When will the people learn that thrones stained with blood are not worth having?"

An organized campaign of was conducted from Vienna a

year or so ago concerning the conjugal relations of King Alexander and Queen Draga, which descended to the vilest calumnies. The European edition of the Heraid, wishing to set the matter right, obtained an interview with the two sovereigns, which throws some light on the motives o fthe accusations.

to me in great distress, and asked me why I had not told her such infamous. false and wicked statements were being

published. "Had I wished to abdicate I should have done so at the time of my mes-sage. My father was then alive, and I could easily have turned over the reins of the government to him." "The queen would deny ---" "Every word of such infimies." re-plied the king promptly. "The queen has never thought of abdication. Equal-ly false are the reports of the queen proposing her brother as the heir pre-sumptive. No, the queen has never smoken of such an infamy. umptive. No, the queen has never poken of such an infamy. "Besides, the entire country is with

in this matter. I can tell you that such reports concerning the succes

cles on the subject, and he is all the while hand in glove with the Kara-georgevich pretender's family." "Nor has your majesty considered the question of abdication at any time?" "Any such reports are absolutely false, for the reason that the post of successing is not a position which can sovereign is not a position which can be described.

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"Should my throne be menaced, I will defend it, sword in hand, at the head of my faithful army, acting in a man-ner befitting the grandson of the crea-tor of New Servia. "As for all the ill that is said con-cerning the queen, I cannot understand

how people can speak of the queen of a civilized country in a way which would be indecent of one of the most savage

man. He knows this political men and his country thoroughly well. So he is fully capable of conducting political matters himself. On such subjects, therefore, he needs no advice from me, and I should be incapable of giving him any. I am fully engaged in what seems to me to be the fitting work of anyone in my position; that is, the work con-nected with charities." nected with charities." "Excuse the question-" The queen kindly interpreted that which I would rather not have asked

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by cutting me short.

"Yes, the reports of my relations with e king," she replied eagerly, as the though the subject was one she would gladly approach. "All reports which say fil of our relations are abominable calumnies. I could not wish anything better to my dearest friends than that should enjoy the thorough happi

people take the trouble to spread false reports don't they go to the pains of getting somewhere near the truth? "Abdicate! Why should he abdicate? Absurd idea! I ask you is there any common sense, anything logical in the idea that a man of his age-he is but 25-should be un-likely to have children? "The king is popular with the people. In our re-cent journey we were acclaimed ev-erywhere throughout the country with people, quite unguarded, and

"When the king married me I expect-ed opposition. My success, my entire h upplness was bound to make me enemies. I know the world. I knew that there would be thorns about that crown. I was prepared. But what I do not comprehend is the endless continua-tion of this campaign of lies, that this

made upon her, showed unmistakable signs of breaking down, and it was un-der such conditions that the audience "Dites du bien de nous?" said Queen Draga. (Will you say something goud of us?) came to its close. ASSASSINATIONS OF RULERS

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Assassinations of rulers have been lamentably frequent in the last half cen-tury. But they have mainly been the vork of individual lunatics and individ-

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persecution should be kept up so long. It is too bad." erywhere throughout the country with an enthusiasm which was touching to

an enthusiasm which was touching to a degree. We mixed freely among the been nervously inclined all along, and

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