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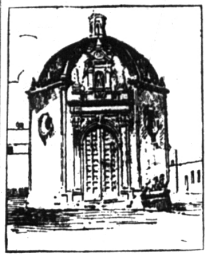
AMBITION REALIZED

Mexico's Oldest Church Will Give Place to a Fountain.

City of Mexico, Mexico.—The Conception chapel, the oldest Christian church in the City of Mexico, is to be torn down and replaced by a fountain, according to the plans of the city government. This little church, so they say that only a few people can enter it at a time and the Plaza de Concepcion, on Calle de San Lorenzo, just a step to the north and to the east of Orrin's circus. It is now a melancholy and deserted ruin.

London—It is exactly ten years ago that Ferdinand of Bulgaria had his first inclination to become a king. He was not content with the common or garden title of prince, since in his hands lay the reins of government of a not incalculable state. In 1888 he openly announced that he wished to become king, but at that time Bulgaria would have none of it. Ferdinand has never dropped this, his pet ambition. Moreover, his mother, Princess Clementine, was as anxious as he was that her son should reign as king, and so she ordered from a Munich jeweler a crown of surprising grandeur, in which she promised to set some of the brightest jewels from the family collection of the Saxe-Coburg-Gotha. She even went a step further, and commissioned one of the greatest artists in Bavaria to prepare a special design at a handsome fee for the crown. The design was delivered and approved, but the artist failed to receive a check, as when he gently insinuated that one would be acceptable he was informed that as soon as the crown was made he should receive it. Subsequently Ferdinand gave up the idea of being crowned a king till the other day.

It is an open secret that for some time Ferdinand has been doing his



Conception Chapel, City of Mexico.

most depressing eyesore, indeed, and yet its restoration and preservation and not its destruction seemed its logical fate.

The story goes that this little chapel was built by the Spaniards soon after they reached the capital, on ground given them by the Aztecs that they might worship their gods. Here the first mass ever said in Mexico was sung by the priest of the army of the conqueror. The chapel was used for a long time, and then as larger parish churches were built it and its kind were largely abandoned as places of worship. Most of the old chapels were destroyed from time to time, and only this was left.

It had for long years, however, a single priest who cared for it, a Franciscan monk, whose name has been forgotten, but who held the services and said the masses and so kept the demon of destruction away from this little chapel. It was called Santa Lucrecia in those days, though now it is known as La Concepcion.

When the monk died, no more services were held, but the head of the Conception convent, across the street, claimed the chapel, and caused to let it be destroyed. Then came the laws of reform, and the chapel passed into the possession of Jose Maria Castillo y Valdes, and a Spaniard, by purchasing it for the sum of \$2,900.

Later the chapel went to Ignacio Truqui, who in turn sold it to Lieutenant Alas, and he again to Silverwater Ogilvie.

The government then bought it for the sum of \$6,000, and it was used as a resting place for the bodies of the poor. Later this poor function was taken from it, and it was closed, and has so remained to this day.

Now the city has determined that that bare plaza shall bloom with beauty, and on the site of this ancient chapel will be raised a fountain, and all memory of it will be gone.

SON OF SERVANT RULER.

His Father May Share Fate of Predecessors at Hands of People.

Belgrade—King Peter of Serbia and his little son, Prince Paul, are centers



PRINCE PAUL

of interest in the Turkish excitement, because the excitable people of that country want the king to go to war. If they get the least hint that he does not comply with their will, they are likely to treat him as they did his predecessor, another member of the Obrenovich dynasty, few years before, and murder him in his palace. The Servians are a melodramatic people and apparently have no conscience about a little matter like a regime.

Best Patent Lwvs.

American patent laws seem to be the most satisfactory of any country, and it is probable that the statutes of many countries will be changed in the near future to conform with those of the United States.

Put Your Money In a New Country

The Pacific Coast extension of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway now under construction, opens to the settler thousands of acres of excellent agricultural land. The new country in Adams, Hettiger, and Bowman Counties, North Dakota, and Butte County, South Dakota, is now reached by the new track. The soil is a dark loam with clay subsoil, and produces in abundance wheat, oats, barley, speltz, flax, corn and potatoes. The land is well adapted to farming, good water is found at a depth of from twenty to fifty feet, and the whole country is underlaid with lignite coal that outcrops along the streams, and in most cases can be had for the digging.

The climate is healthful, the air is dry and invigorating, and the percentage of sunlight days is high. Outdoor work can be done almost every day in the year. Rainfall is supply sufficient to raise the crops. Regular mail service has been established, the roads are good, rural telephone lines traverse the country, and automobiles are in common use. The flooded land in this district sells for from \$10 to \$18 per acre. There are many instances this year when the crop equaled in value the cost of the land.

In Butte County, South Dakota, there is considerable government land open for homestead entry. Government land offices are maintained at Lemmon, Hettiger and Bowman, where flags and mail proofs may be made. All of these towns are on the new line of the

Chicago Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway

In Montana, the new railroad traverses good farming land. It has been demonstrated that big crops of grain may be raised. Along the Yellowstone and Musselshell rivers, the water is used for irrigation, and phenomenal yields of alfalfa, sugar beets, and grain, are always certain. In the Judith Basin near Lewistown, Montana, is one of the most remarkable sections to be found on the new line. Under natural rainfall, the famous, bench lands produced this year an average of 35 bushels of hard wheat to the acre, and the price was 90 cents per bushel. The basin contains about 1500 square miles and is sparsely settled. Some government land will remain open for settlement. A government land office is maintained at Lewistown. In Fergus County, outside the Judith Basin, is one of the greatest stock countries in the world, and good ranches can be purchased at a reasonable figure.

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