

Emperor. The ancient capital of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies teems with men who hold human life cheap, and who would be restrained by no superstitious reverence from shedding the blood of a King. It is one of the blots upon the fame of regenerate Italy that assassination is still common, and there it goes every day unpunished. Nowhere in Italy is there less detestation for the crime of murder than in Naples, and nowhere is there more passionate natures upon which fanaticism or malignity can work with murderous intent. In the native land of Camorra, organized assassination is familiar to the popular mind. If the Neapolitan assassin's dagger had struck King Humbert down, the Monarchy in Italy, which is still a young and tender plant, would have been exposed to all the risks of a regency. The heir to the Throne, the youthful Prince of Naples, is just nine years of age, and a long minority, even with so popular a Queen-Mother as Queen Margherita, would have given the factions many an opportunity of threatening the Constitutional settlement of the kingdom. It is possible that the attack on King Humbert may strengthen his hold upon the Italians, who will admire the hereditary courage with which he confronted the assassin, and who may be reminded by their sovereign's peril of the difficulties and distractions into which the country would be plunged were the throne upset either by Republican or clerical conspirators. Italy has been most fortunate in securing already, at the close of her revolutionary period, many of the advantages of the stability which Constitutional Monarchy promises. It would be a crime against the national interests as well as against the moral law to strike at these advantages for the profit of a disappointed party. There is in every modern society a type of public-minded fanaticism which is easily infected with a longing to imitate every novel and famous crime. Murders and suicides follow the same course for a while, when once the fashion is set by a criminal with a little originality. So it is with regicide. The fanatics who dream that it is their glorious mission or their fatal destiny to rid the world of this monarch or that, are, for the most part, men of no force of character. If they were, they would be more formidable as disturbers of kingdoms. But being weaklings, they do not take their lives in their hands and pursue only their terrible purpose. They falter and look behind them for their way of escape, and almost invariably they fail. Nobling went nearer to the execution of his designs than any regicide conspirator of our day. As for Hodel and Moncasi, the Madrid assassin and the author of the attempt on King Humbert's life, they can only be regarded as unpleasant symptoms of the bitter hatred, mingled with ignorance and levity, that seethes in the minds of large classes in every Continental country.

The late King Victor Emmanuel more than once visited Naples immediately after its annexation, and while its quays and streets yet swarmed with armed partisans of the Bourbons, and was not harmed. The attempt on King Humbert follows very closely upon that on the King of Spain. Humbert's brother Amedeus was near losing his life at the hands of an assassin when he was for a few months King of Spain.

German newspapers state, on the authority of letters received from the Russian border, that in the district of Lublin the intolerance of the Russian Government has given the native Roman Catholic population fresh cause for complaint. The Russian authorities tolerate no baptism according to the rites of the church of Rome. The Roman Catholic population are therefore wont to carry their new-born children across the border, in order to have them baptised by Roman Catholic priests at Cracow. The Russian Governor-General having been informed of this, recently caused the parties crossing the frontier to be intercepted and seized by gendarmes, who took the children to the nearest orthodox church, and had them baptised perforce by the Russian Pope. The parents, it is added, wishing to invalidate the Russian baptism, carry their children to the nearest well, in order to "wash away" as expeditiously as possible the effects of the sacred rite.

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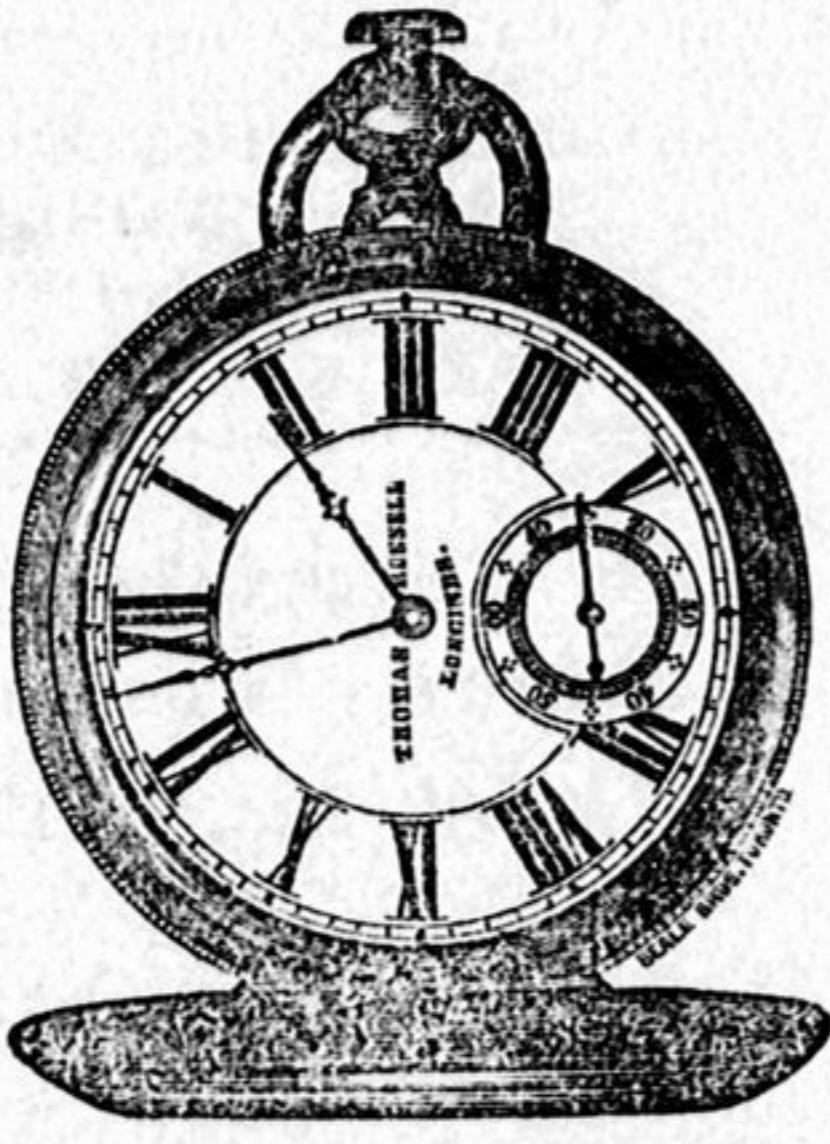
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