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**King
Succumbs to Effect
of Monkey's Bite.**

King Alexander of Greece died at
Athens. His death was due to wounds
which he had received in an attack
by a pet monkey early in Octo-
ber, the King being badly mutilated.
Alexander succeeded to the throne
of Greece in June, 1917, when his
father, King Constantine, abdicated in
response to the demands of France,
Britain and Russia the three
great powers which had guaranteed the
constitutional liberties of the Greek
people. Alexander was the second
son of Constantine, and at the time
of his accession was not quite 24
years old. His elder brother, Crown
Prince George, was considered im-
probable for the throne because of al-
leged pro-German sympathies.

At any event, King Constantine
abdicated Alexander to succeed him.
The fall of Constantine had been
brought about through the agency of
a French senator, M. Jonnart, who
went to Athens in June, 1917, as a
representative of the three great powers,
to ground that this step would es-
tablish unity of feeling among the
Greeks and greater security for the
entire forces then operating in the
country. Constantine had been accused
of pro-German sympathies partly on
account of his marriage to the Prin-
cess Sophie, sister of the then Emper-
or William of Germany, and it also
charged that he had not acted
loyally toward the Allies. Alexan-
der, on the other hand, was reported
to be free from pro-German sym-
pathies. Constantine left Athens and took
refuge in Switzerland.

Alexander took the oath of office at
Athens in August and promised to
carry out the policy of his father.
The king said to have shocked the
three great powers. It soon was reported
that he was at odds with Premier
Venizelos and had refused to aban-
don his idea of continuing his father's
policy. Some doubts were raised as
to the advisability of permitting him

to assume the throne unless he dis-
continued what was characterized as
an obstructive policy.

Reports of lack of harmony be-
tween Alexander and Venizelos were
circulated in the spring of 1917, but
the Premier disposed of these in a
statement in which he paid tribute to
the King's patriotism. One respect in
which the King and his Premier were
said to have been at odds was over
the King's organatic marriage to Mile-
Manos, daughter of a former aide-
de-camp to his father, which is said
to have taken place in November,
1919. No record of the marriage
was obtainable owing to the fact that
it was not recorded with the Metro-
politan of Athens, the supreme
ecclesiastic authority of Greece.

The young King and his morganatic
wife were childhood friends and
sweethearts. Alexander asserted
that he had a right to marry who-
ever he pleased and took the bride
to the palace in Athens. This aroused
a storm of discussion, which so dis-
pleased his wife that in the early part
of 1920 she went with her mother and
sister to live in Paris, and Alexander
visited her there in the following
May. It was announced that the
Greek constitution did not grant him
permission to enter upon the morganatic
marriage and that action by
the Greek Parliament would be nec-
essary to determine whether Mile-
Manos could become Queen of Greece
or remain the King's official consort.
Alexander's refusal to give up his
wife was said to have greatly worried
Venizelos, and there were reports
that the King would not return to
Greece. He did so, however, and
witnessed Greek operations in Thrace
in the summer of 1920, entering
Adrianople, which had been surren-
dered to the Greek troops, amid a
great demonstration.

Bitten by Monkey.
On October 3 he was bitten by a
monkey while endeavoring to protect
his dog from an attack. His wound
became infected and several opera-
tions for the removal of flesh were
performed. His condition for sev-
eral days was reported to be critical.

The monkey's attack on the King
recalls a somewhat similar episode
that occurred in the spring of 1919,
when the youthful monarch was bit-
ten by a dog which had been present-
ed to him by an admiring member of
the Scottish Women's Hospital at
Salonica. The correspondent who
visited the King at his palace in
Athens at that time found the King
wearing his right arm in a sling.

"Did you shoot the dog?" he was
asked.
"No," replied the King, "he's only
a pup, and I decided to give him an-
other chance. He bit me only in a
playful spirit."

King Alexander was tall, of med-
ium build, blond hair and light com-
plexion. He invariably wore a
monocle. He had many of the features
of his other, Queen Sophie. His educa-
tion was gained from private tutors
and he had an excellent command
of English. His favorite pastime
was automobilizing. He owned several
cars which he used to drive through
the streets of Athens at high speed.
He was personally popular among his
people, but was not liked by the fol-
lowers of his deposed father, King
Constantine, who were anxious to re-
turn the older man to the throne. He
exercised little power in the affairs
of his country, all state and foreign
matters being handled by Premier
Venizelos and his ministers.

Paul Proclaimed King.
Prince Paul, younger brother of
the late King Alexander, has been
proclaimed King by the Greek Par-
liament. Earlier in the session Ad-
miral P. Coundouriotis was elected
regent. Prince Paul was born in
Athens, December 1, 1901, and is not
married. Since his father, former
King Constantine, left Greece, Prince
Paul has been with him in Switzer-
land.

Criticism of the Government's pol-
icy in making Prince Paul's accession
to the throne conditional was an-
swered in the Parliament by Veni-
zelos with the declaration that it was
intended that if Prince Paul were
made King he should not be a proxy
for ex-King Constantine.

Admiral Coundouriotis was sworn
in immediately as regent after his
election.

Proposed Yacht Races.

LONDON, Nov. 3.—Paul Hammond,
of New York; Guy Lowell, of Boston;
Paul Drexel, of Philadelphia, and E.
W. Stewart, of New York, have
challenged British yachtsmen to a
race which, it is hoped, will become
an annual event, says the Daily Mail.
It has been suggested, according to
the newspaper, that the first race be
held in British waters next summer,
and thereafter alternately in United
States and British waters.

The challenge, it is said, virtually
has been accepted, on behalf of four
prominent English yacht clubs, by a
well known yachtsman to whom the
challenge was sent.

The Mail understands that Sir
Charles Allen and W. H. Burton,
Captain of the Shamrock IV, in the
America's Cup races last summer,
are among those interested in the chal-
lenge.

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**World's Mystery
Mountain.**

Enormous interest has been aroused
by the announcement that the Royal
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the ascent of Mount Everest, in the
Himalayas. For not only is this the
highest mountain in the world; but
it is the world's mystery mountain.

Although it was discovered seventy
years ago, no European has yet suc-
ceeded in getting anywhere nearer
than about fifty miles of it, much less
setting foot on its slopes.

This is because it so happens that
it is situated partly in Nepal and partly
in Tibet, and the Governments of
both these countries object to the
presence of European explorers.

Besides this the Nepal base of the
great mountain is in any case prac-
tically unapproachable, owing to the
dense jungle growth, extending for
a width of sixty or seventy miles all
round, and into whose depths no
white man may venture and live.

The proposal now is to attempt the
ascent from the Tibetan side. This
is doubtless possible, but whether
the summit can be reached or not is
another matter.

Most experts say not, and point to
the fact that the Duke of the Abruzzi's
attempt to scale Mount Codwin-Aus-
tin, Everest's mighty neighbour, and
the second highest peak in the world,
resulted in failure.

He ascended as far as 24,000 feet,
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John Brown.

John Brown, the abolitionist and
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removed with his parents to Ohio in
1805, learned the trade of a tanner
and currier, and in 1840 became a
dealer in wool. Having conceived the
idea of becoming the liberator of the
negro slaves in the South, he emi-
grated in 1855 to Kansas, where he
took an active part in the contest
against the pro-slavery party. In
August, 1856, he gained a victory at
Ossawatimie over a superior number
of Missourians who had invaded
Kansas. On the night of October 18,
1859, he seized the arsenal of Har-
per's Ferry, Virginia, at the head of a
small band of followers, with a view
to arming the negroes and inciting
an insurrection. He was captured on
October 18, was tried by the Com-
monwealth of Virginia and condem-
ned to death, and was executed at
Charleston on December 2, 1859.

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