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KING ALFONSO'S

MANIFESTO TO

SPAIN

SPANISH KING AND HIS DUTY

WAITING FOR THE NATION'S
REAL EXPRESSION OF
ITS OPINION

AVOIDING CIVIL WAR

THE text of the manifesto left behind by King Alfonso when he departed from Madrid has reached Paris (says Reuter) from the Spanish frontier. It reads as follows:—

The elections that took place on Sunday have told me clearly that I have now lost the love of my people, but my conscience tells me that this disaffection will not be permanent, because I have always acted in such a way as to serve Spain, my only care being the public interest, even in the smallest matters.

A king may make a mistake and, doubtless, I have myself erred sometimes, but I know well that our country has always been generous to faults that are not wilful. I am the King of all the Spaniards.

I am myself a Spaniard. I might have used various means to maintain the royal prerogative and fight my adversaries effectively, but I resolutely want to achieve anything that might throw my countrymen into a civil and fraternal war with one another.

A STRICT ACCOUNT

I renounce nothing of my rights, because rather than my own they are a deposit accumulated by history, and I shall one day have to give a strict account of their keeping.

I am waiting to learn the real expression of the collective opinion of the public, and until the nation has spoken I deliberately suspend the exercise of the royal power and depart from Spain, thus recognising that she is the sole mistress of her destinies.

Yet, to-day I think I am performing the duty dictated to me by love of my country, and I pray to God that other Spaniards may have as deep a comprehension of their duty as I have.

PRESIDENT OF SPAIN

SENOR ZAMORA OFFICIALLY
ELECTED.

From Our Special Correspondent.

MADRID, Wednesday.
The new Government appears determined to be sound and conservative in its democracy.

A proclamation of its principles, issued early to-day, offers no revolutionary programme, no Utopian ideas of wealth and prosperity for all, and no plan for "Socialism in our time."

Its main clauses are confined to a painstaking affirmation that it intends safeguarding all kinds of property, that there will be no victimisation, confiscation or expropriation.

Steps will be taken to effect agrarian reforms and to help the peasantry. There will be no sequestration of land without adequate compensation, and there will be entire freedom for religious denominations.

EXODUS EXPECTED

There is little in this programme that can satisfy the left and extremist wing of the Republican Party, and it is from that party, and not from the Royalists, that trouble may be expected for the newly-formed Government.

It is thought that there may be an exodus of titled people from Madrid, and indeed from the whole of Spain during the next few days. I was told this afternoon that there will be no vacant berths in the north-bound trains for some days to come.

HEAD OF THE STATE

MADRID, Wednesday.
The following official proclamation was issued here to-day:—

The provisional Government of the Republic assumes from this moment the head of the State with the express



Spain's New Flag.—The new Spanish flag, made in France in anticipation of the fall of the monarchy, it will be hoisted on the Spanish Embassy in Paris.

Continental Daily Mail Photograph.

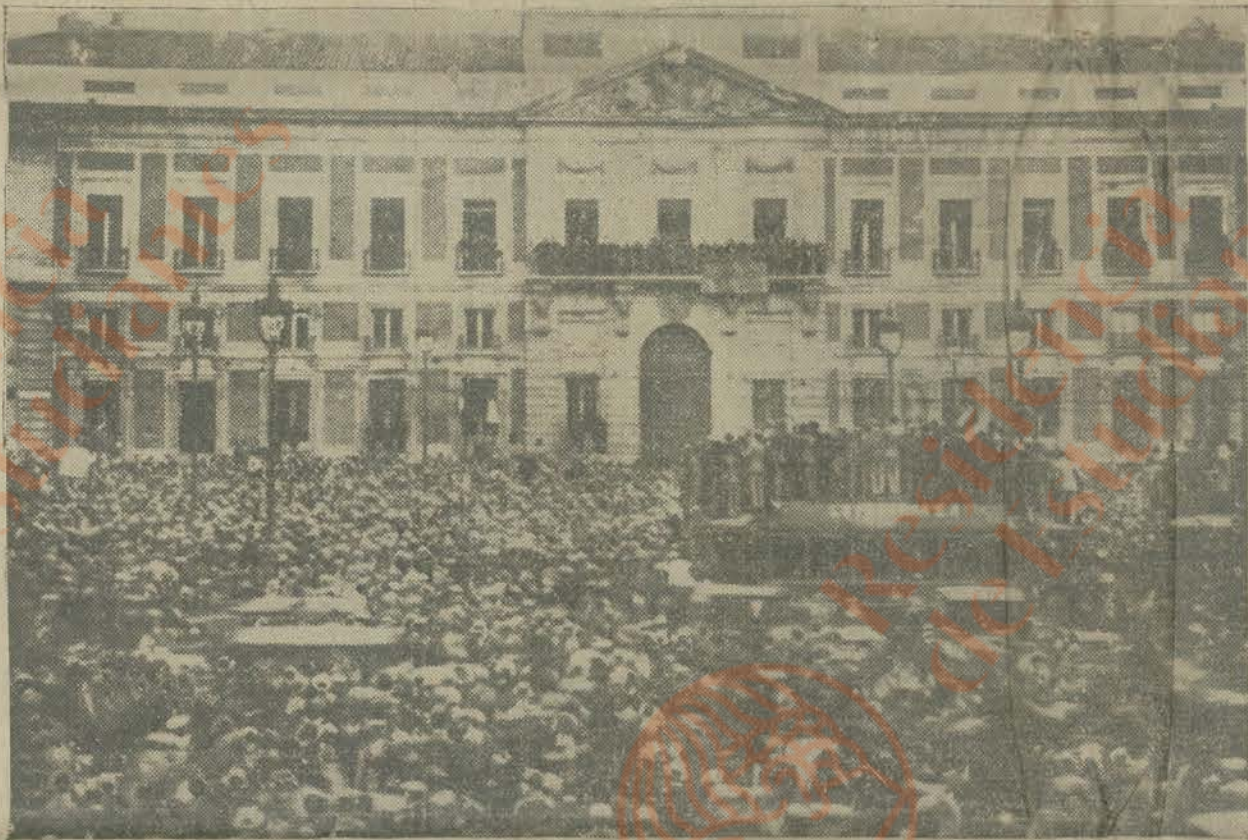
assent of the triumphant political forces registered by popular vote at the election.

An interesting and unhesitating desire of the nation, the committee of the public forces whose coalition has been established to usher in the new regime, designate Don Micolet Alcala Zamora y Torres for the post of President of the provisional Government of the Republic.

SAN SEBASTIAN QUIET

SAN SEBASTIAN, Wednesday.
A holiday atmosphere pervades this well-known watering-place. Owing to the difficulty of manufacturing Republican flags while the monarchy still existed, only the public buildings and a few private houses are decorated with these emblems.

Small yellow slips conveying the injunction "Citizens, order, order!" are stuck on many of the walls. The town is perfectly quiet, motor-cars are going about as usual, and the sea-front is crowded with promenaders.—Havas.



Cheering Spain's New Republican Government.—The first photograph received from Madrid since the success of the bloodless revolution which sent King Alfonso and his family into exile. The picture shows members of the newly-formed Spanish Republic Government on the balcony of the Ministry of Communications in the Puerta del Sol, listening to the cheers of an enthusiastic crowd. The Republic's flag is seen on the balcony.

Continental Daily Mail Photograph.

"I RENOUNCE NOTHING"

RULING POWER ONLY SUSPENDED

MEETING QUEEN AND FAMILY IN PARIS

ZAMORA MADE PRESIDENT

THE mystery concerning the destination of King Alfonso, who left Cartagena in a Spanish cruiser yesterday, after vacating the throne of Spain, was apparently cleared up last night by a message from Gibraltar.

It was stated that Prince Juan, the King's third son, who arrived at Gibraltar from Cadiz yesterday, had received a telegram stating that the King was bound for Marseilles and would meet the Queen and other members of the Royal Family in Paris before going on to London.

The young prince was asked to join his father in the French capital.

Graphic descriptions of the farewell scenes when King Alfonso and Queen Victoria left Madrid for exile are given in special messages by telephone published below.

In a dignified manifesto to his people King Alfonso makes it clear that he has not abdicated, but has suspended his ruling power until Spain is ready to express a collective opinion on her future Constitution.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S TEARS

STATION DRAMA AFTER SECRET MOTOR DASH FROM PALACE

From OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, HAROLD G. CARDOZO

By TELEPHONE.

MADRID, Wednesday.

Two months ago, Queen Victoria of Spain was met at the Northern Station in Madrid by her children, the Royal Princes and Princesses, amid the frantic cheers of the assembled loyalists. This morning the Northern Station was filled with a motley crowd of railway workers, factory hands and work girls waving the new Spanish tricolour of scarlet, yellow and purple and even red flags, the insignia of revolt, shouting "Down with the monarchy!"

A first indication that the Republicans, although they are holding office and although the Royalists have evidently unconsciously done much to help them, are somewhat uneasy, is the refusal of Senor Alcala to allow the publication of the King's manifesto, written by the Sovereign yesterday evening, and entrusted by him to the care of Admiral Aznar. The reason is that the Republicans have announced far and wide that the King's abdication was an accomplished fact, and what is more important still, a legally accomplished fact. The King's manifesto shows that there was no signed abdication, as I stated in my message last night.

It must be added that the crowd was a good-natured one and dainty Spanish girls laughed and danced hand-in-hand as though they were joining in a village fete. But behind that holiday exterior, there lurked the grim spectre of a Spanish Lenin symbolised by the red flags roughly tacked to boomsticks and carried by wild-eyed bewhiskered young men, shouting at the top of their voices: "We want to make a clean sweep of everything!"

Other groups of youths carried flags bearing the Soviet hammer and sickle, and still other young men displayed their own ideas of facetious humour by waving red flags decorated with grossly designed skulls and crossbones in gold paint.

ON THE BOILERS

Gesticulating and shouting waves of these young demonstrators clambered in groups of 20 and 30 on to the roofs of the railway coaches, sat astride the very boilers of the locomotives pulling the whistle chains, and hung on every foot-board.

At the same moment a line of black motor-cars, with blinds closely drawn, was speeding away from Madrid with the Queen and her children and their personal belongings. The cars had left the palace by a secret exit and, after crossing the palace gardens, proceeded to the Escorial Station, 48 miles from Madrid, on the main line.

It was a strange coincidence that while the crowd was waiting at the Northern Station for the arrival of the train from Paris, which they thought would be bringing Major Franco, the airman himself had alighted at the Escorial Station, and his motor-car crossed on the road to Madrid the cars containing the royal exiles.

ROYAL DRIVER

It was the Duke of Saragossa, who always drove the Spanish royal train, who whispered to me in the strictest

confidence at the Northern Station as he made his way through the crowd clad in his driver's blue overalls and velvet cap and goggles, exactly where the Queen and her children would join the train.

Everyone of the Republicans crowding the station was convinced that to-day was the last time that the Duke of Saragossa, who is chief engineer of the Northern Railway of Spain, would drive his royal cousins, but the duke commented loudly enough to be heard by Republican ears that he hoped they were wrong, and after shaking hands with a few friends he jumped on the footplate alongside his stoker for the long and tiring journey which will end in the evening at Irun.

Immediately I dashed away in a high-powered motor-car racing the train to the Escorial Station over the hills which ring Madrid, the peaks of the Guadarrama still capped with snow.

When I reached the Escorial Station very few people, not more than one hundred palace officials and members of the aristocracy had gathered to bid good-bye to their Queen, to the Crown Prince, to the two Princesses Cristina and Beatriz and to the two young Princes Jaime and Gonzalo. Don Juan, who is a cadet in the Navy, is at present at Cadiz. (It is said that he will meet his father at Gibraltar to return with him to England.)

PILGRIMAGE TO TOMB

Queen Victoria had returned with her children from a last visit at the Escorial to the tomb of the late Queen Maria Cristina, the King's mother, a pilgrimage which the King would have himself undertaken but for the ultimatum sent him by the Republican Junta yesterday.

The royal coach had been brought from Madrid during the night and was waiting on a siding. Queen Victoria and her two daughters were dressed in deepest black. All of them were weeping bitterly, although they tried to smile from time to time, when Admiral Aznar and Count Romanones, the only members of the last Cabinet who had come to the station as faithful servants of the monarchy, were encouraging them, telling them to have confidence in the future and be brave.

The Prince of Asturias and Prince Jaime looked glum and serious, and little Prince Gonzalo's eyes were red.

LAST HANDSHAKES

Everybody bowed low when the royal exiles went along the platform to reach their compartment. The Queen and her two daughters stopped to shake hands with friends, while the three princes looked on in silence.

To every one the scene appeared like a funeral.

Three young members of the aristocracy shouted a feeble "Long live the King," but they were immediately repressed by their elders, and it was amid complete silence that the royal family entered their compartment, the blinds of which were closely drawn.

A few minutes later the royal carriage was attached at the end of the train, and the latter steamed off at noon in

the direction of France. At a window, the blind of which was slightly raised, one saw a little black-gloved hand wave a last farewell to Admiral Aznar and Count Romanones. The exile of the Queen and her children had begun.

THE KING'S DEPARTURE

A touching scene was enacted yesterday evening at the Royal Palace, when the King, having finished his consultations, signed his manifesto and said good-bye to the Queen and children, left his private apartments and entered the guardroom of halberdiers, where he received the obeisance of the nobility. There were many women from the aristocratic classes, but very few men. Nearly all the Spanish nobility appeared to have deserted the King.

The old officer of the Guard on duty last night was in tears when, for the last time, he received the necessary instructions for the safeguard of the Queen and of the Royal Family during the night.

The King then left by the inside gallery of the palace, followed by Don Alfonso of Orleans and Admiral Rivera. Three cars were waiting in the royal gardens. One of them was for the King, who was dressed in a grey weed suit and a soft felt hat, his cousin, and the admiral, while the others were for the officers and men of the civil guard.

The three cars thus slipped away in the night, entirely unperceived, while shouting and cheering thousands swirled round the other entrances to the palace, fraternising with the guards and pinning red favours to their uniforms, while here and there some showed signs of temper, shouting: "Down with Berenguer. Down with the royal tyrant!"

EMBARKED IN CRUISER

The cars headed for Cartagena, where the King arrived at about 3 o'clock this morning. At 4 o'clock, after a hasty meal, he embarked in the 5,000-ton cruiser Principe Alfonso, which had steam up, and left at half past one hour later.

Neither the King, the Queen nor any member of the Royal Family has taken more than a couple of suitcases, and I learn that arrangements are being made for competent court officials to pick up the heavy baggage which the Royal Family may need.

THE QUEEN'S JOURNEY

GIFTS OF FLOWERS AT RAILWAY STATION

From Our Own Correspondent.

BIARRITZ (Basque Coast), Wednesday.

A moving spectacle took place at 10.15 p.m. at La Negresse station, when the train in which the Queen of Spain was travelling went through. Over 200 people were on the platform. Two large bouquets of flowers were handed to the Queen, and she talked of the trouble which she and her daughters had gone through during the past few days.

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WOMEN'S PRISON STORMED BY MOB

ALL INMATES RELEASED AND
BUILDING SET ON
FIRE

BARCELONA VIOLENCE

From OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

BARCELONA, Wednesday.

THE Spanish Republican tricolour is now flying over all public buildings in Barcelona. Late last night specially enrolled Republican guards took possession of the posts and telegraphs, replacing all officials suspected of monarchist sympathies.

General Ochoa, who was imprisoned by the late General Primo de Rivera for plotting against the dictatorship, is the new Captain-General. The Civil Guard placed themselves at the service of the Republic four hours before the official declaration of the new regime, thus eliminating any fear of serious disorder.

MOST KEYS

Late last night orders were given to liberate prisoners. Political and military offenders were promptly set free at Montjuich Castle, but the governor of the women's gaol executed his orders under the pretext that he had lost the keys. The mob assembled in front of the building grew impatient and decided to force an entry.

The majority of people were armed with pistols and iron bars and levers. They easily broke open the outer doors and then marched through all the corridors, smashing doors, releasing the prisoners and destroying the prison registers.

They shouted to the astonished convicts, "Get out all of you. The people have decreed your liberty." Sisters of charity working in the building, and prison officials were not molested. The mob eventually set fire to the building, but the flames were extinguished by the fire brigade. This is the only act of violence reported.

TALK WITH QUEEN

"THE KING HAS NOT
ABDICATED"

From Our Special Correspondent.

HENDAYE, Wednesday.

"I give you the assurance that the King has not abdicated," Queen Victoria of Spain told me today when I was received by her Majesty at San Sebastian. The train carrying the Queen and her children reached San Sebastian at 8.37 this evening. The crowd, which was enormous and included many women carrying flowers, cheered loudly when the train drew up. The royal family, with the exception of the Prince of the Asturias, who did not feel well, was in the restaurant car having dinner. Shouts of "Long live the Queen! Long live Spain!" were heard. Queen Victoria was much moved by this demonstration and her eyes were full of tears.

I presented to her the respects of The Daily Mail and she thanked me. As I was conversing with her Majesty the chief of the police asked me to tell her that her brother, Lord Carisbrooke, was staying in Paris. The Queen then told me that the Marchioness of Carisbrooke was travelling in the same train.

During our conversation the cheers increased considerably and the Queen was compelled to show herself at the window of the restaurant car. Large bunches of flowers and bouquets were brought to the Queen. When the train reached Irun a few shouts of "Long Live the Republic" were heard. The reception at Hendaye, which was reached at 8.55 p.m., was most enthusiastic. The crowd cried: "Long Live the Queen! Long Live the King!"

ACCIDENT TO CARRIAGE

A strange accident marked the journey of the train in which the Queen and her children travelled from the Escorial Station. As the train was passing through the Escorial station it was discovered that the axles of the royal carriage were over-heated and when the train pulled up at Avila it was found that the carriage, the wheels of which were clogged by sand, was beginning to burn. In consequence the Royal party changed into another carriage and the journey was resumed shortly after. The train left Hendaye at 9.30 for Paris, where it is due at 9.15 in the morning.

THE KING'S INTEREST

IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH
SPAIN

From Our Own Correspondent.

WINDSOR, Wednesday.

News of King Alfonso's departure was received by telephone at Windsor Castle last night from the British Ambassador in Madrid. The King is keeping in constant touch with events in Spain.

Nothing is known yet at Windsor as to the destination of King Alfonso and Queen Victoria, but it is thought probable that they will visit their Majesties in the near future.

It was officially stated at Windsor Castle yesterday that the King is making good progress towards recovery. Lord Dawson of Penn, the physician, saw the King with Sir Milson Reeves, the laryngologist, and Dr. Martyn.

EXCHANGE RATES

LATEST MEAN QUOTATIONS IN
LONDON AND PARIS.

(The full list of exchanges in London and the money article will be found in the Finance Pages.)

LONDON.	Tuesday.	Yesterday.
Francs for £1	124.22	124.27
Dollars for £1	4.85 12-15	4.85
Reichsmarks for £1	20.403	20.401
Lire for £1	92.80	92.971
Belgas for £1	34.94	34.95

PARIS.	Tuesday.	Yesterday.
£1 sterling	124.181	124.27
United States dollar	25.574	25.574
Belgium (100 belg.)	353.374	353.36
Czecho-Slov. (100k.)	75.75	75.70
Germany (100m.)	608.75	608.75
Holland (100fl.)	1,026.50	1,026.50
Italy (100 lire)	133.38	132.45
Switzerland (100fr.)	492.50	492.62
Spain (100 pesetas)	254.374	267.75
Canadian dollar	25.552	25.561

AUSTRALIA'S WAR DEBT RESPITE

TWO YEARS' POSTPONEMENT IN
VIEW OF PRESENT
DIFFICULTIES

By OUR PARLIAMENTARY CORRESPONDENT

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Wednesday.

In view of the present financial position of Australia the British Government has agreed to give the Dominion assistance by postponing the repayment of its war debt for two years.

This announcement was made late to-night by Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Dominion Secretary.

He says that on March 7 the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth submitted to the Government a request that in view of the existing financial difficulties in the Commonwealth a reduction should be made in the annuities by the Commonwealth to the United Kingdom under the War Debt Funding Agreement of 1921.

"His Majesty's Government has agreed," said Mr. Thomas, "that for a period of two years, from September 30 next, the Commonwealth Government shall have the option of postponing the operation of the half-yearly instalment, which represents Sinking Fund, amounting in each case to £814,255, the period of the annuity being correspondingly extended."

"The effect of this will be a reduction of more than £1,600,000 in the payments to be made by the Commonwealth to Great Britain under the Funding Agreement during each of the next two financial years, and the extension of the period of repayment of the principal debt by two years.

"This offer was made as a sincere endeavour, despite the difficulties of this country, to share the burdens under which the Commonwealth is labouring.

EAST WOOLWICH POLL

SOCIALIST MAJORITY REDUCED
BY 4,698 VOTES

The result of the East Woolwich by-election, caused by the elevation to the peerage of Mr. H. Snell, was declared last night as follows:—

Mr. George Hicks (Lab.) 16,200
Mr. E. S. Shrapnell-Smith (Con.) .. 12,357

Socialist majority 3,843
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