

LOUIS XIV.

Louis XIV was declared king when he was 4 and one half years old under the regency of his mother, his father Louis XIII dead, or rather just previous to the demise of his father. In early youth he developed a positive character. There had sprung up a deadly feud between the court, headed by the Cardinal Minister Mazarin upon the one side, and the Parliament upon the other. There were riots in Paris. Affairs looked threatening. Mazarin led with the young king and regent to St. Germain and surrounded the court with troops. Parliament declare Mazarin an enemy. Now two rival courts in France. There were two factions, the Mazarins and Frondes. Mazarin by fraud and extortion accumulated an immense fortune. He was stripped of this by the Frondes. There was but a superficial reconciliation and Mazarin escaped. There was great tumult thinking the king was carried away with him. The attempt was made but without success. At the age of 13 Louis XIV was made the absolute king of France, and there were conflicts between the forces of the king and Parliament. The carnage was dreadful. The king got rid of his Cardinal and there was reconciliation between king and Parliament, that lasted but a short while, for the king denounced the leaders of the Frondes and hostilities were renewed between the king and the Frondes. Mazarin turns up successful and again controls the king and France. The king marries Maria Theresa of Spain before the Spanish and French Courts. This brought reconciliation between France and Spain, as these nations had been quarreling and fighting. Louis' sole object was to aggrandize himself by promoting the splendor, the power, and the glory of the monarchy. To maintain this reckless and utterly useless extravagance of the king and the Court the millions of the peasantry of France were compelled to live in mud hovels, to wear the coarsest garbs, to eat the plainest food, while their wives and their daughters toiled barefooted in the fields. They were compelled to help drag the plough with donkeys hitched along side of them. This was the Bourbon dynasty that ruled France for four hundred years at least. Do we wonder, at the French Revolution?

Mazarin was the monster that ruled the king, the Court and France. Mazarin died while his body was subjected to the most extraordinary convulsions. He not only supported the Court in the most wanton expenditure but robbed the nation to replenish the monstrous expenditures of his own pocket book; had been virtually monarch of France for 18 years.

Fouquet held the keys of the treasury, and sought his own advancement and really lived in grander style than the king by robbing the treasury. The king and courtiers were invited to the chateau of Fouquet and then he found that its magnificence outvalued his own palaces. The king was thoroughly informed of the rascality of Fouquet and he was imprisoned, and all his property confiscated and came near losing his life—all this helped not the peasantry. Louis invested with absolute power with all the Court bowing before him in the most abject homage, had gradually begun to think himself a god. For some time he had been exploring sites for a palace that would transcend in grandeur anything ancient or modern. He lit upon Versailles, 12 miles away where the palace should be surrounded with dense forests. This place outvalued in gaieties and festivities all Europe; the expenses were enormous, and came from the bone and sinew of enslaved France. The stupendous pile of buildings eclipsed all other palaces ever reared upon the globe, the king's palace costing 33,000,000. The plans for the palaces came from Mansard—our Mansard roofs are named after him. Over thirty thousand soldiers were employed 7 years helping the workmen.

Mansard was the eminent architect of 17th century. The laying out of the grounds, the work upon them and the multitude, vastness and splendor of the palaces cost the modest sum of two hundred million dollars. It was all finished in 25 years. Here the royal family and court resided till the Revolution of 1789. The fetes, festivals and tournaments of 7 days—the size of the court was about a thousand nobles and ladies—their cost is not counted in the above millions. The marriage of Louis and Maria Theresa was one of political policy, and was not a happy one. He manifested great fondness for his maids of honor from time to time, and they had children and he was the father. We are not to suppose there is any more virtue and happiness in high life than in lower life. Poverty nor riches, or station has but little to do with integrity, honesty, candor, virtue and happiness.

History furnishes that in all ages many kings, queens, monarchs and princes have been miserable wretches and destitute of honor, honesty and virtue. The ties of consanguinity are feeble in courts, and often so among brothers and sisters when the Estate is to be divided. The queen mother, Anna of Austria died after a long illness from a loathsome cancer.

She was the aunt of Maria Theresa, wife of Louis. The King wanted

Holland and Chas. II of England was bribed in order to get it. At this time France was the most powerful of the continental nations. Holland was conquered by war. Great exactions were made which she refused; the dikes were broken, and Holland was flooded. Maritime Holland, weak on land, was powerful on sea. Louis threw up the sponge, a combination was formed against Louis—Emp. of Germany, Spain and Flanders with Prince of Orange. There was war and Louis conquered. He got half of Flanders, Dunkirk and other territory. Who was the "Man with the Iron Mask?" The son of Madame de la Valliere, who was of Louis' court, and had been intimate with the King. His name Count Vermanders: was dissipated and struck the dauphin, the King's eldest son: was condemned to death, but through influence of the mother, was imprisoned, wearing an iron mask for over 30 yrs., was treated with consideration belonging to his rank, but death was his portion if he ever revealed his name. War between Catholics and Protestants and thousands slain. We skip a portion of Louis' reign. He is on the wane. The war between the Protestants and Catholics was terrible. A protest came from the Protestant countries that intimidated the King. Louis marries in secret Madame de Maintenon at Versailles. She had been maid of honor for a long time. Mansard built the King's palace, Trianon, which afterward became the favorite residence of Maria Antoinette. The palaces of Versailles still unfinished had already cost Louis countless millions, yet they did not suit him. It was cold grandeur, cheerless. He had other palaces, none suited him. His war with Germany; thousands slain.

The people were in a terrible state of poverty and slavery after a reign of 70 yrs. such the condition of France when Louis died. These sufferings and corruptions were the origin of the French Revolution. Louis XIV died amidst the rejoicings of his courtiers and the nation. Louis XV commenced his reign.

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