

CHARLES QUILTS AUSTRIAN THRONE

Abdication Officially Announced at Vienna. Says Dispatch

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Former Ruler Renounces Any Part in Affairs of Austrian Germans

Copenhagen, Nov. 12. The abdication of Emperor Charles of Austria is officially announced at Vienna.

By the Associated Press. Paris, Nov. 12.—Havas.—Emperor Charles of Austria has issued a manifesto declaring that he is forsaking participation in the public affairs of German Austria.

The abdication of Emperor Charles has been rumored several times in the last two weeks. On October 29 it was reported that he had fled from Vienna, but this report was denied by a Berlin newspaper, which said he was at the Austrian capital on October 30 and that he had been cordially received by the people while going about the city.

The most recent report in connection with Emperor Charles was received on November 2, when it was said that he had announced his intention to abdicate.

Emperor Charles Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary had been crowned king of the Dual Monarchy upon the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his consort at Sarajevo, Bosnia, June 28, 1914, this tragedy bringing on the world war.

Emperor Charles was born at Presenberg, August 17, 1887—a son of Archduke Otto and a grandson of Archduke Charles, who was the emperor's grand-nephew of the late Emperor Francis Joseph.

He was crowned Emperor of Austria-Hungary December 17, 1916. His chances of succeeding to the throne at the time of his birth seemed infinitesimal. Between him and the throne were three sons, that of the Crown Prince Rudolph, son of the Emperor, and those of Rudolph's cousins, Francis Ferdinand and Otto. Two years after the birth of Charles, Rudolph met a violent death—he was either a suicide or was shot—and the more recent deaths of his father and uncle made him the heir of his aged grand-uncle.

Possibly because of the extreme unlikelihood of his accession, part of his education was in the nature of an experiment. He was sent to the best public schools, something that had been unheard of in the royal family and to this association with the sons of workmen the beginning of his great popularity is said to be due.

Marriage to Princess Zita. The marriage of Emperor Charles to Princess Zita took place in 1911. She is a princess of the Bourbon house of Parma. This duchy was made a part of the kingdom of Italy after the war of 1859 and since that time the principal residence of the ducal family has been at the castle at Schwarzenau, not far from Vienna. The Emperor was born May 9, 1887.

Of her nineteen brothers and sisters many are feeble-minded, but the Princess Zita herself has always been extremely healthy and of considerable mental ability. She received an old-fashioned convent education, she is fond of tennis, hunting and outdoor sports in general, and soon after her marriage she made an enviable position for herself in the court of Vienna.

A Love Match. It is said that her union with the Emperor was the result of a love match. The Emperor Francis Joseph was understood to have wanted Charles Francis Joseph to marry a daughter of the Archduchess Maria Valeria, his own favorite daughter, who was married in 1910 to the Archduke Francis Salvator of Hungary-Tuscany. Aside from his reputed disappointment at the failure of his plan, the old Emperor was said to have been reluctant to see his grand-nephew marry into the family of Parma, which contains so many subnormal members.

Royal Jealousy. Before the death of Archduke Francis Ferdinand there was royal jealousy regarding his children and those of Charles Francis Joseph. The children of Francis Ferdinand, who were the Emperor's daughters, were four healthy children, the Crown Prince Francis Joseph being the eldest, followed by Archduke Robert, born November 20, 1912; Archduke Marie, born January 2, 1914; Robert Charles Ludwig, born February 9, 1915; and Felix Friedrich August, born May 21, 1916.

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although their father was heir to the throne, could not succeed him, as his marriage to the beautiful Duchess Sophie wasmorganatic. The ill-fated heir was thus compelled to look to his young nephew's child as the future ruler instead of his own handsome young son.

Just before the assassinations there was talk in Vienna that the old Emperor was at the point of an open rupture with his heir, Francis Ferdinand, who had slighted him and arranged military and imperial programs without consulting the Emperor, and who was supposed to have the ambition to make himself the Caesar of north-eastern Europe. His removal and replacement by the more democratic and less dangerous Charles would have been a relief to a less charitable man than the Emperor Francis Joseph.

At any rate he welcomed his new heir to the imperial confidence and showed by many evidences of affection that he was glad for the sake of his country that it was to have so fine a young ruler for its ruler. For Charles was a happy faculty of getting along well with everybody and that he was extremely popular with the people. After the meeting of the aged man and his new heir after the assassinations, Emperor Charles was received in a long audience. At the moment of his leaving, many of his hangers-on to their graves long before their time, embraced him and his wife, and his wife, and not finish his still further in making the advice this young man as well as the others.

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The Status Letter. One of the most sensational incidents connecting the reign of Charles with the war was the letter alleged to have been written by the Emperor to his brother-in-law, Prince Sixtus de Bourbon, and later communicated to President Poincaré of France. One part of the letter, the text of which was given out at Paris, read: "I beg you to convey privately and unofficially to President Poincaré that I will support by every means and by exerting all my personal influence with my allies France's just claims regarding Alsace-Lorraine."

Later a telegram to the Kaiser, Emperor Charles, commenting on the peace of "pulling up legs to create the web of lies in which he is involved, and that the Emperor must have added certain lines over his signature, as to how Emperor Charles was able to say the letter was signed by the Emperor.

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controlled the food supply of Vienna. "Because of this danger of Bolshevism is particularly serious in Vienna, and for special reasons in Budapest. The Czechs alone can arrest the movement, because they prepared in time the administrative transformation of the military and economic machinery and have supplies for a certain time.

"Of capital importance, therefore, it must be noted that the Czechs wish to revictual Vienna to avoid Bolshevism, but on condition that new supplies are sent to them; the Czechs must militarily occupy all of Slovakia, for Bolshevism can easily pass west and reach even Allied countries if there be disorder. Polish territory is also menaced.

"Thus the Czechs can prevent the collision of the German Austrians and Germany being effected immediately contrary to Allied interests. For this is of the first importance to maintain the communication of the Allies with Bohemia through Trieste and Pressburg by occupying the territory where the Germans and Magyars touch, so that these may be separated; the armistice condition better applied to each, the Czechs and Jugos-Slavs to remain in contact and the Entente can communicate directly with the Czechs-Slovaks.

"We insist particularly that the regions of mixed nationalities north of Bohemia must be occupied. This will be facilitated because the supplying of these regions can be done only from Prague.

"These suggestions are made with one idea, to prepare the way in Austria-Hungary in order:

"First, That the Entente may profit by the central position of Bohemia.