

Royal Rolling Stones

IN EXILE from England, Edward, duke of Windsor, is the next thing to being a man without a country. With his American bride, the former Mrs. Wallis Warfield, he wanders about the world—in France, in Austria, and recently in Germany as the guest of the Nazis. His present tour still further dramatizes the fact that he is a royal rolling stone.

● Although he has indicated at times that he might go back eventually to his native land, the cards back home still seem to be stacked against his return. England in this case is somewhat of a paradox. Always heretofore a land to give refuge to deposed monarchs, it obviously is reluctant to provide a haven for its own ex-sovereign. Hospitable and secure, it has hung out the "welcome" mat to many royal refugees, for example, the emperor of Ethiopia, whom Mussolini drove from a throne, and the ex-king of Siam.

● Other examples were Napoleon III. of France and his wife, Empress Eugénie; King Manuel of Portugal and his mother, the Dowager Queen Amelia, and the French Bourbons, Louis XVIII. and Charles X., who found welcome in England.

● These last named royal folk, however, were figures of another era—the pre-World war time, in which the kicking out of a king was not the commonplace event that it is today. It really was the great war itself that changed everything almost overnight. While cannon were thundering out their final blasts on Europe's battle fronts, crowns began to roll over the streets of the continental capitals. There, and also in far-away lands and in distant dynasties, the crown-rolling business has continued ever since.

● Kaiser Wilhelm II. of Germany was the first of the post-war exiles. A few days before the November armistice he fled from Spa general headquarters to nearby neutral Holland. He bought a beautiful mansion at Doorn. Soon a settlement with the German reich, reputed to be in the neighborhood of 200 million pounds, made him the wealthiest of all exiled monarchs.

● Though the octogenarian now has given up wood-cutting as too strenuous an (Continued on page eight.)



A royal rolling stone is Edward, duke of Windsor, former sovereign of Great Britain. He gave up his throne to be free to marry Mrs. Wallis Warfield, shown here with him. (Acme photo.)

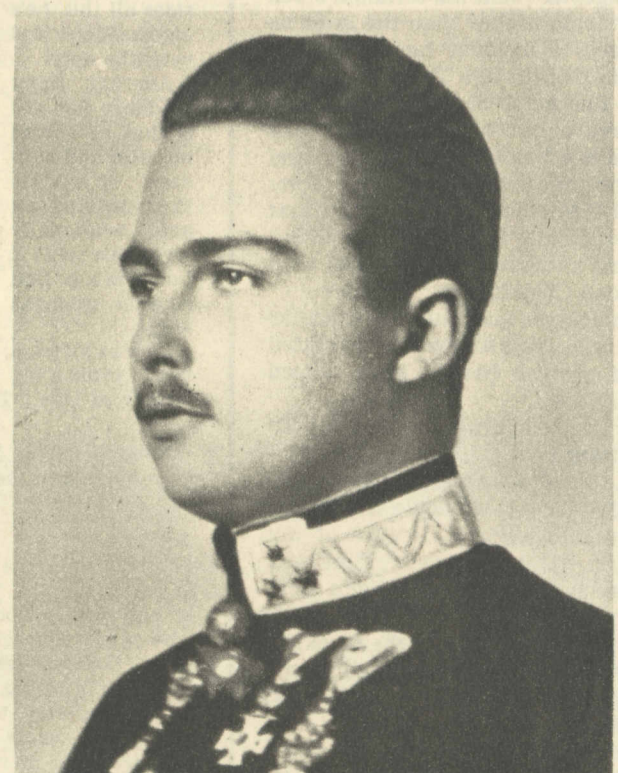


Sitting on the grass near the ancient palace of the Escorial, waiting for a train to carry her into exile on that fateful day in 1931, Victoria of Spain, wife of Alfonso XIII., no longer was a queen. (Wide World photo.)



(Acme photo.) Above: England welcomes Haile Selassie, the man whom Mussolini drove from the throne of Ethiopia. The ex-emperor walks the gangplank before crowds at Southampton.

At right: King Amanullah of Afghanistan, who lost his throne because he was too modern for his people, with his wife, Soyrayah.



Hope of the royalists of what is left of the dual empire of Austria-Hungary is Archduke Otto of Hapsburg, eldest son of the late King Carl. (Acme photo.)