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The New Constitution Read to the People—Serious Riot in Madrid—Two Men Killed and Several Injured—Imposing Demonstration—Serrano to be Regent.

MADRID, June 6, 1869.

The new Spanish constitution was promulgated with great pomp and ceremony to-day. At about half-past one o'clock in the afternoon the members of the Executive Council of the nation, together with the deputies to the Cortes, sallied out of the chambers on a platform which was erected in front of the halls of Congress. After the deputies had taken their allotted places and silence was obtained the secretary commenced to read the constitution, which was received with loud cheers by the great mass of people assembled in front of the stand. On their return to the chambers the deputies took the oath to protect the constitution and the laws.

When the deputies were retiring a tumult broke out, consequent on the utterances of hisses by a number of persons in the crowd. The disturbance increased in spite of the efforts of the troops to put down the demonstration. The trouble continued for some time, until the military governor of the city appeared, and with great presence of mind rushed in among the foremost of the rioters, shouting, "*Viva Soverania Nacional!*" This changed the sentiments of the mob, and the crowd took up the cry and joined in loud cheers. Two men, however, were killed in the disturbance, and a good many persons were seriously injured.

The deputies subsequently returned to the platform, when the troops outside the building, to the number of 30,000 men, filed past in marching order. Great enthusiasm was manifested by the spectators who congregated in the streets. None of the republican members, it was noticed, participated in the ceremonies.

A salute of fifty guns was fired in honor of the occasion; fireworks were discharged in the evening in prominent places in the city, and a grand banquet was given, which was attended by the notables of Madrid.

Fully one hundred thousand people from the country poured into the city and participated in the demonstration during the day. A mortuary statue, executed in the mediæval style, was uncovered, and the remains of the celebrities whose names were engrossed on it arrived for deposition in the Pantheon.

To-morrow the majority in the Cortes intend to present a bill creating Marshal Serrano Regent of Spain, but declaring that he shall not have power to sanction laws or dissolve the Chambers.

One hundred and thirty deputations from the provinces witnessed the proclamation of the constitution. To-night the streets are crowded with persons.

The Cuban news is extremely unsatisfactory, and the wildest reports are current about the island. General Dulce is expected on the 18th inst., when, it is hoped, he will be able to explain the situation of affairs. Daily despatches are received across the cable by the government, but their contents are unknown. This reticence of the authorities is greatly censured by the press and public.

Captain General de Rodes starts for Cuba on Thursday, and takes 6,000 troops with him.

Rumors are current that the insurgents have met with great success.

Reduction of Colonial Taxation.

MADRID, June 6, 1869.

Direct taxes in the Spanish colonies have been reduced one-half, and a small export duty on sugar, rum and tobacco has been imposed.