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"Woe unto thee, O land, when thy king is a child," said the wise King of Israel. This saying finds striking illustration in the disasters which have befallen the ancient

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and once proud kingdom of Spain during the minority of its baby sovereign, King Alfonso XIII. Four hundred years ago Spain was the foremost land of all this world. After eight hundred years' crusade it had driven the Moors from their last stronghold at Granada, and united the kingdoms of Aragon