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Romantic Love Affair of German Prince of Century Ago Brought to Light by Publication of Book.

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Berlin, Aug. 12.—The touching story of the romantic attachment of the Emperor William I. to Princess Eliza Radziwill was a young man and a girl, and of the obstacles that arose to prevent their union is related in detail in a book just written by Dr. Bruno Honnig, and published by Mittler & Son, of Berlin. The stern necessities of politics cast a cloud over these two young lovers and compelled Prince William, as he is called, to tell the girl she loved to contract a union based on prudence instead of personal inclination.

Toward the end of the eighteenth century, Prussia had absorbed a portion of the ancient Poland, and the task of assimilating the conquered Poles, who regarded their German masters with repugnance.

The crown of Prussia in those days were largely centered in Prince Antony Radziwill, one of the Polish magnates who accepted Prussian supremacy over his native land in a friendly spirit and married a Prussian princess, and of his son, the Great, after which he was appointed viceroy of Prussian Poland, with his seat of government at Posen.

His real home, however, was in Berlin - and it was here that his daughter, Princess Eliza, who as Hohenzollern on the maternal side, associated freely with the Prussian royal family, met Prince William, the second son of the reigning King Frederic William-III.

Prince William and Princess Eliza grew up from childhood together and it was not until 1820, when he was 23 and she three years younger, that their friendship ripened into love. The first words of love spoken were at a picnic in the forests around Berlin at which

Prince Antony and Princess Radziwill and the king's remaining children, the crown prince, Prince Friedrich Wilhelm, Princess Alexandra, were also present. "Dear, dear Lulu," wrote little Princess Elizaveta to her friend, Countess Stosch, "how happy, how supremely happy I was out in the woods with William!"

For the next two years, the young couple saw one another constantly but a shadow had fallen across their happiness, owing to the degree of difference in their respective ranks, which constituted a barrier to their union. Princess Alexandra's mother, a Hohenzollern princess, married Prince Radziwill, her inferior in birthright, she descended to his rank and their children were not royal princes and princesses, but merely the descendants of a noble.

The question was raised whether Princess Eliza could not be raised to the rank of "royal highness" either by the king of Prussia or by the czar, and the two courts were one of the subjects which extended into several years while this matter remained undecided.

There were long periods of separation, due to Prince William's duties in different parts of the country, and after a reunion following one of them, the prince wrote to his friend: "It was a sad and sorrowful time but we found consolation in our love. We understand each other perfectly; there is no doubt, no uncertainty. On the evening before his departure for Tepitz William spent the whole day with me, and we sat in the garden till midnight and we were able to talk alone there without attracting any attention. We talked only as

brother and sister, but he spoke to me so earnestly, so beautifully, without any hint of selfish love that I could not repress my tears. In this short time he has become dearer to me than

ever before and I am determined that whatever may happen I will remain faithful to him and keep the love for him in my heart."

After this the young lovers' hopes again ran high. The question of Princess Eliza's elevation to royal rank was being investigated, and in Berlin an engagement was already spoken of. Then, however, the blow fell. One day the king visited Princess Eliza's family in Silesia. "My knees trembled beneath me," she wrote to her friend, "as the king approached to greet me. His hand, as usual, was upon my forehead. The day passed, the evening meal was eaten, and still the king spoke no word on the subject which was causing Princess Eliza's heart to beat so painfully beneath her white dress. Finally the king rose to depart, after having kissed and pressed her hand in silence. As the king left the room, Princess Eliza

burst into tears. The crown prince and Prince Carl, who were both present, pressed her hand in silent sympathy, and there is no doubt that the whole

royal family felt keenly for the young princess.

Prince William had been obliged by what he considered his duty to the future of the state to desert the girl of his heart, and in February, 1829, his engagement to Princess Augusta von Weimar was announced.

ABDUL HAMID WANTS MORE FEMALE SLAVES

(By the International News Service.)

Constantinople, Aug. 12.—Ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid has evidently completely recovered from his recent serious illness.

In a letter addressed to his brother, the reigning Padishah Mehmed V, he

asked him to be so good as to send him a number of female slaves and a quantity of birds. Abdul was always exceedingly fond of birds, especially pigeons, and in his seclusion at Yidda-

Klosk used to spend hours in their company.

GIRLS OF NOBLE RANK TAKE TO SHOPLIFTING

(By the International News Service.)

Paris, Aug. 13.—Five young ladies have been arrested in a large emporium near the opera house on a charge of shoplifting. They were found to be members of a Portuguese noble family ruined by the revolution in their native land. The girls, who confessed they were obliged to resort to this means of supporting their rank.