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Great Britain a Bone of Contention in Emperor William's Family

INGOES throughout Germany seem now on the eve of changing sides in the long and sullen controversy between their sovereign and his son. The frank fashion in which the young man is forever revealing his hostility to Great Britain, while delighting the hot-heads of Berlin, embarrasses the Imperial Chancellor, if we may believe the *Matin*, to such an extent that he discussed the theme with the Emperor. Acting in his capacity as head of the house of Hohenzollern, which gives him absolute power over all members of the family, and exercising his function as commander-in-chief of the army, William II. has given drastic orders to the youth who may soon be the ruler of the empire. Yet the result has been disconcerting. Whenever the Crown Prince enters a theater, the audience will, as likely as not, cheer him to the echo. "The Crown Prince," says the *London Standard*, "by demonstrating his dislike of the German Government's peaceful policy and especially by giving vent to some degree of animosity against Great Britain, has captured the popular imagination and for the moment thrown himself into the forefront of German politics."

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