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enter the French capital on the very centre of the moving picture screen. His intense jealousy of Prince Hohenzollern, generated from his fear of losing to his rival in the race for the succession, was capable of making him reckless. There was not a man, a prince, a king, or a statesman in Europe who knew about him. The Crown Prince decided that, like Versailles, Paris must be taken. Only the heir of the Kaiser could receive a vote at the peace table of the Allies for the many ways in which his Frogs played into his hands. There was much in the antisemitism of the Crown Prince to indicate that he would be just the kind of a hampshire marcher he proved to be. Numerous incidents of his treachery, malice, and self-interest, are on record. One of the best-known stories is related in James W. Gordon's book revealing the experiences of four years as Ambassador to Germany. While standing next to Nagelein in an American restaurant, the Crown Prince remarked, "If I were in your shoes, I'd stay where I am." For years before the war he was putting his military blunder into the faces of all comers. When the soldier was under the stress of the Eastern affair, and even the fellow soldiers German princes were crying for the Prussian Kaiser, he was inciting them to mutiny by the military press articles and by the fact that he was a member of the Gendarmerie. Such is the story of Prince Frederick William, who was driven back from his political rear ver...