

AN AUSTRO-RUSSIAN ALLIANCE.

Reported Betrothal of the Archduke
Francis to the Grand Duchess
Helene Vladimirovna.

VIENNA, Aug. 13.—It is reported that the imperial heir presumptive of Austria, the Archduke Francis, is betrothed to the Grand Duchess Helene Vladimirovna of Russia, who was formerly affianced to Prince Maximilian of Baden.

The heir presumptive to the sovereignty of Austria-Hungary, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, is the son of the late Archduke Karl Ludwig, brother of the Emperor-King, and Princess Anunciata, daughter of the late King Ferdinando, II. of Naples. The Archduke was born at Gentz, Dec. 18, 1863.

The prospective bride of his Imperial Highness is the daughter of the Grand Duke Vladimir-Alexandrovitch, uncle of the Czar, and of the Duchess of Mecklenburg, who was married to the Grand Duke in 1874. The Grand Duchess Helene was born in 1882 at the palace of Tsarskoie-Selo.

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