

# EX-PRINCESS HELD AT ELLIS ISLAND

Former Wife of Prince Radziwill Must Explain Her Career in South Africa.

## CAME HERE TO LECTURE

Had Won Society Women to be Patronesses of a Talk on Russian Royalty for War Relief.

Mrs. Catherine Kolb, formerly the Princess Catherine Radziwill, wife of Prince William Radziwill, from whom she was divorced, arrived here yesterday on a Norwegian steamship to lecture under the management of William B. Feakins on the Russian Imperial Court and the present conditions in that country, only to be told by the immigration authorities that she would have to remain on board the ship for the night and go to Ellis Island today, pending an inquiry into her career in South Africa.

Mr. Feakins, who went to the pier to meet the former Princess, was greatly upset by her detention and said that he could not understand it, but he believed it would be all right today. He had advertised her as Princess Catherine Radziwill of Russia and the first lecture was to be given this afternoon at the Hotel Biltmore. Its title was to be "The Royal Russian Family as I Know It."

On April 3 it was announced that Princess Catherine Radziwill was to lecture to raise money for Russian prisoners of war under the auspices of Mrs. Borden Harriman, Mrs. John Hays Hammond, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Mrs. Otto H. Kahn, Mrs. Amos Pinchot, Mrs. Philip Lydig, and other well-known women in New York. About two weeks ago Mrs. Harriman, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Robinson, and Mrs. Kahn were notified that the former wife of Prince William Radziwill was not a proper person to lecture under their auspices on account of her career in South Africa, and they withdrew their names from the committee.

Mrs. Lydig said last night that when she was asked by Mr. Feakins to give her name to the committee of patrons for the Princess's lectures, she declined on the ground that she made it a point never to have it used on committees or councils on which she did not do any work. Mr. Feakins replied that none of the committee was doing any active work, and Mrs. Lydig, on the ground that the Princess was a Russian and lecturing to aid the Allies, decided to break her rule and give her name.

Mrs. Otto H. Kahn said she had received a letter concerning the Princess, and after reading it she had written Mr. Feakins to remove her name from the list of the committee. Other members received similar letters.

The former Princess is the daughter of Count Adam Rzewski of Russian

Poland, and had three children by her marriage to Prince William Radziwill. Her eldest son was killed on the eastern front early in the war.

On April 30, 1902, she was sentenced to two years' imprisonment at Cape Town, South Africa, for forging the name of Cecil Rhodes to notes aggregating \$115,000, and had previously figured in the law courts in London through not paying tradesmen's bills.

Cecil Rhodes kept open house at Rondebush, near Cape Town, and lived in a state of comic terror, it was said, of the Princess, who went to him continually with various plans to get him to advance money to her.

The ex-Princess is between 52 and 55 years of age, and speaks French, English, and German fluently, as well as Russian and Polish. She always held revolutionary views, and has lectured in the principal cities of Europe on the subject. This is her first visit to America. As her views on the war are considered by the Allies to be pro-German, there is no doubt that the British authorities at Halifax put her through a severe cross-examination and notified the State Department at Washington.

The Prince Radziwill, who married Miss Milmo of Monterey, Mexico, belongs to another branch of the family. Prince William belonged to the German branch. There are about fifty Princes bearing that name in Germany, Russia, and Poland. On the passenger list of the steamship the ex-Princess was described as "Dawina Catherine Kolb—fru," the first word meaning an old-fashioned title of "lady" in Poland and the last "wife."