

The topic of my bachelor's thesis is the wedding of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria with countess Sophie Chotek and the circumstances that have influenced the wedding. Particularly, the Czech press' attitude towards the wedding is analyzed.

The first two introductory chapters are dealing with the lives of Franz Ferdinand and Sophie before they have met; the reformative plans of the Archduke and also their home-to-be Konopiště.

The main focus of my thesis lies in the third and the fourth chapters.

The third chapter is depicting their relationship from the day they have met, their subsequent struggle for the opportunity of marriage, their happy marriage that ended up by the joint death in the year 1914 in Sarajevo.

The last chapter is dedicated to the Czech press' reaction to the relationship of the newly weds and Frantisek's renouncement oath, in which he gave up ail succession for his wife and possible offspring which were, in context of their marriage, mentioned the most frequently. At the same time we are following the effort of the press to inform in detail about the wedding ceremony itself.