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THE SITUATION IN AUSTRIA.

Reports of exciting times come from Austria. The bitter discussions and riotous manifestations in the reichstrath have continued till the scenes partake more of the football field than legislative councils. A proposal by the German opposition to impeach the ministers for violating their powers by the issuance of the decree authorizing the official use of the Czech language in Bohemia, failed by the very narrow vote of 177 to 171. In speaking upon this proposal, the prime minister, Count Boden, against whom the bitterest feeling is manifest, announced that the cabinet would not retire, even if the impeachment resolutions were passed.

The situation is made the more serious by the intense interest taken in the matter by the Germans across the border. Most violent speeches have been made and letters written affirming that the matter is one affecting the whole German people, and that Austria, being historically a German power, and its constitution having been based on the assumption that the prime influence would continue to be German, for such a change to be made as would imply the effacing of German influence was a matter to call for the most serious attention of all Germans.

It is also stated that there is quite a strong movement in Austria for a reunion of German-Austria with Germany in case the increased influence of the Czechs continues.

In order to understand the situation it is to be remembered that the Germans of Austria form only about one-third of the entire population of the empire. Of the nearly 24,000,000 inhabitants, 8,500,000 are Germans, 5,500,000 Czechs, 3,700,000 Poles, 3,100,000 Ruthenians (Little Russians), 1,800,000 Slovenes, Croats and Servians, while 675,000 are Italians. The Czechs, Ruthenians, Slovenes, etc., are all Slavic by race, but not so closely united as to make them a compact body. The Czechs alone have been able to present a united political front. The German element is chiefly in Tyrol, Styria, upper Austria on the borders of Bavaria, and lower Austria, in the vicinity of Vienna, although there is a considerable element throughout Bohemia and Moravia. There the Czechs are predominant, and it is there that the special difficulty arises. The Germans look upon all Slavs and speak of them as barbarians, and hence arises the bitterness of the contest. Hungary is somewhat more favorably situated. The Magyars, numbering 7,500,000 out of 17,500,000, are compact, but are surrounded by a fringe of Germans, Ruthenians, Croats and Rumanians. These latter, in close sympathy with their fellows of Rumania proper, watch with great interest any national developments in the empire.

The peculiar government must also be kept in mind. Francis Joseph is emperor of Austria and king of Hungary. Austria has its parliament or reichstrath; Hungary its parliament or reichstag; while each province has its one local landtag. For imperial interests, as foreign affairs, war, finance, there is another parliament called the delegations. Each parliament has its own ministry. The head of the delegations is Count Goluchowsky, minister of foreign affairs. Count Boden is prime minister of Austria, and Count Banffy prime minister of Hungary. The imperial expenses are apportioned between the two sections by the Ausgleich, an agreement which runs for periods of ten years. The present Ausgleich terminates in December of

this year, and the question of its renewal is being used by the Germans to force the Austrian ministry to withdraw from the position taken in regard to the use of the Czech language in Bohemia.

One theory advanced in regard to foot-ball is that the students need just such a sport to discipline their animal spirits, and that formerly many found a safety valve in chopping wood and gardening to pay expenses at college. But it does not appear that the old-time students flourished the ax and hoe so vigorously as to produce fatal results.

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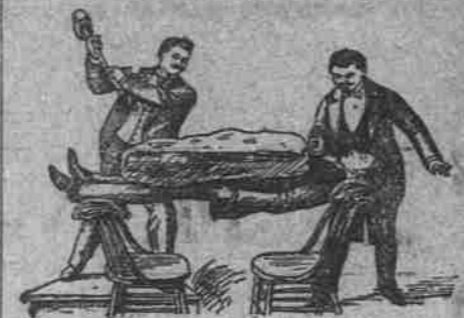
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