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TREATY OF PRAGUE, 1866.

Another Adjustment of Austrian and Prussian Affairs.

Austria and Prussia having obtained the joint possession of Schleswig-Holstein by the treaty of Vienna, the question now arose what should be done with it. The two powers who had overcome Denmark were now the division of the spoils for nearly two years. The specious proof might have been settled, but it was only a symptom of a larger question which had for centuries been agitating Germany, the question as to whether the northern section of the southern section should predominate; and Bismarck saw in it an excuse for driving Austria forever out of a participation in German affairs—the only way by which Prussia could be made supreme.

Austria began to see that she had been made a cat's paw and favored the claims of the young duke of Augustenburg to the sovereignty of the duchies, that young man having set up a court at Kiel. In fact King William and the Prussian parliament were inclined to favor the duke's pretensions. But Bismarck overrid everything before him and caused the king to set up a claim to be by descent entitled to the throne of the duchies himself. The time for a breach with Austria, however, had not yet arrived. Von Moltke reported that the Prussian army was ready; but Bismarck desired to assure the help of at least the neutrality of the great powers before he struck. He went personally to Biarritz and had a series of interviews with Napoleon III. What dreams he encouraged the emperor in, what he promised him and what he showed him by way of argument, are only surmises.

Demands of Bismarck.

In November, 1864, Bismarck declared that Prussia would be satisfied with nothing less than the incorporation of the duchies in her military, commercial and postal systems. In the duchies the Austrians were engaged in a policy of obstruction, and the whole land was in disorder. King William wrote to the Austrian emperor that if Austria did not take steps to preserve order in the duchies he would. The emperor and the king met at Gastein on August 20, 1865, and after talking matters over agreed that Prussia should be thrown over board and that Prussia should have Holstein. At the same time the duchy of Lauenburg a part of the greater duchies, was assigned to Prussia absolutely and from this moment adopted title. Bismarck subsequently took his title of duke of Lauenburg.

Early in June, 1866 Prussia brought forward in the diet at Frankfort a proposition to "reform" the Germanic confederation, the reform to consist of the expulsion of Austria, the establishment of an elected German parliament to take the place of the diet and the formation of an army of North Germany to be commanded by the king of Prussia. Naturally these drastic propositions were rejected and Bismarck frankly warned the diet that he would destroy the confederation.

Austrian Motion Prevailed.

The Prussian governor of Schleswig, on June 10 announced that owing to the failure of Austria to preserve order in Holstein he was compelled to take over the administration of that province which he did. Austria and Prussia recalled their ambassadors and both nations appealed to the diet, Austria demanding that Prussia should be disciplined and Prussia demanding that Austria should get out. Bismarck declared that if the Austrian motion prevailed Prussia would declare the confederation ended, and threatened with loss of sovereignty such German states as should support Austria in the coming war. The Austrian motion prevailed and Prussia withdrew from the confederation. All the German states except Mecklenburg sided with Austria while Italy became an ally of Prussia and attacked Austria.

Negotiations for peace began and a treaty was signed at Prague on September 23, 1866. Austria agreed to the dissolution of the Germanic confederation and to withdraw entirely from Germany affairs. Prussia was to annex Schleswig-Holstein, Hanover, a portion of Hessen, Nassau, the electorate of Hesse and the city of Frankfort.

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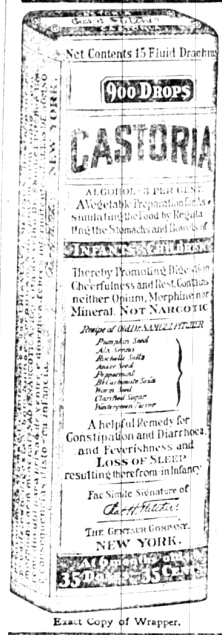

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"I'll tell you, old man," at last spoke up the city editor patronizingly. "You have to have it in language-proof style. 'Four tidy shins' equals 'fours.' 'Kayo' equals 'K. O.' which equals 'knockout.' Get me?"

"G-r-r-r-r," growled the sorter, but "Mobile, Mobile. Bur-r-r-r-r