

Prince : "How much I owe," he said to the Speaker of the Reichsrat, "how much I have to thank, in these sad days, my dearly beloved wife. The great support she has been to me during this terrible time, I cannot describe. I cannot thank heaven deeply enough for having given me such a consort in the path of my life."

As if to pile the pelion of mountainous trouble on the ossa of all former griefs, the lonely old man is just now confronted with an empire convulsed with racial

are to be believed, would change the Hapsburgs for the Hohenzollerns, and join the great German Empire across the border. And rather than consent to such an increase of Slav influence as Bohemian autonomy would bring with it, the Magyars of Hungary would break loose from Austria and set up a kingdom of their own."

So intense is the character of this political struggle now proceeding within the monarchy, that the "new German Liberal party of



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strifes and complications that seem interminable and insoluble. It looks as if the dream of his life was vanishing into thin air.

"The claim of the Czech to home rule in Bohemia rests on the same historical basis as that of the Magyars in Hungary. But the German colony in Bohemia is unalterably opposed to any system that would place them at the mercy of a race whom they despise and fear. Sooner than hand over a body of their fellow-countrymen to Slav domination, the Germans of Austria, if their protestations

Austria threaten to form a pan-Germanic association," with the immediate object of inducing the German Roman Catholics of Austria to turn Protestant en masse ! The ultimate aim of the pan-Germanic party is to preserve the race ascendancy of the Austrian Germans over the Slav populations. By the wholesale conversion to Protestantism, the German Liberals desired to punish the Roman Catholic clergy for the support given by them to the Slavs.

The fact that such a Utopian scheme could be seriously enter-