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SCRANTON, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 2, 1897.

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BIG RIOTS IN BOHEMIA

German Theatres and Schools Wrecked by Czech Mobs.

THE TORCH RESORTED TO

Troops Have Been Drafted to Judenstadt.

In Spite of the Military a Large Mob Makes a Descent Upon the German Quarter of the Town--Houses and Shops Are Plundered--Synagogue Windows Smashed--Troops Fire Into a Crowd and Several Are Killed--Attempts Made to Storm Newspaper Offices.

Prague, Bohemia, Dec. 1.—The rioting which has continued here last night and today has assumed a very grave phase. The torch has been used, and with sad results. A mob of about 1000 persons has had little effect toward intimidating the rioters. The soldiers were eventually forced to fire, and several persons have been killed. The torch has also been resorted to, but this far no great damage by fire has been done. Last night the windows of the German theatres, German schools, restaurants, residences and newspaper offices were broken. The troops cleared the streets and many persons were injured. A number of arrests were made.

The university buildings have been so threatened by the rioters that large bodies of police are protecting them. The troops have been drafted to Judenstadt, where the mob is growing threatening. The synagogue windows were smashed and the windows of the houses of Jews displaying trade signs in several streets of the Jewish quarter. Since 6 o'clock this evening the streets have been held by several battalions of infantry and a squadron of Hussars. All traffic is suspended and the shops and business houses are closed.

In spite of the military, a large Czech mob made a descent during the morning upon the German quarter, and plundered houses and shops in several streets. The furniture of a well-known German cafe was piled up in the street and set on fire. When a detachment of troops approached to disperse the rioters, the soldiers were greeted with showers of stones, bricks and other missiles. The officer in command ordered his troops to prepare to fire, but at the urgent request of a police official the order was not carried into effect.

TROOPS FIRED INTO THE CROWD.

A mob attempted to storm a carriage factory at Zizkow, a suburb of Prague on the other side of the Moldau. The factory was in flames. A mob of about 1000 persons, when in the midst of the swamp, two men stopped the train and demanded \$150 fare from each of the members, claiming to be officials of the road.

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CITY UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

As a result of the riots and disorders of the last twenty-four hours, the authorities have proclaimed the city under martial law. The chief of police, who is a Czech, was discovered encouraging rioters, and has been suspended from office. It is now known that the number of injured Germans reaches 200. They are being cared for at the various hospitals.

PRECAUTION AT PILSEN.

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ENGAGEMENT ON THE STAND

A Force of 2,300 Men in Battle With Cuban Troops.

THE INSURGENTS LOSE 54 MEN

Havana, Dec. 1.—An announcement came from Spanish headquarters today that a force of insurgents recently captured and destroyed an insurgent camp at Aranzue, where the Spaniards are said to have captured and destroyed the fortified camp of the insurgent general, Ducass.

JAPAN AND ANNEXATION.

Its Minister Coming Back to See the Matter Through.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Taru Hoishi, the Japanese minister to this country, is now on his way to Washington, and will reach here about Dec. 10. He will bring with him important papers relating to the protest made by Japan last summer against the annexation of Hawaii by the United States.

DOVER'S WRECKED BANK.

An Examination Into the Late Cashier's Methods.

Dover, N. H., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Marilla M. Ricker, who has been prominent as a woman's rights advocate, and a corps of experts are making an examination of the affairs of the defunct Dover National bank. Mrs. Ricker was a stockholder in the bank and she claimed that after its failure in 1895 she was denied access to what books the late cashier, Isaac Abbott, left.

MISS STARRETT, COUNTESS.

Recognized at the Danish Court, She Marries a Farm Hand.

Milwaukee, Dec. 1.—Miss Starrett, a Danish countess and granddaughter of General J. B. Doe, former assistant secretary of war, was married to Robert C. Tottelstaff, of Spring Lake, Wis., last night. The ceremony was performed secretly at Jamesville.

BEAM IN FRONT OF TRAIN.

Disaster Narrowly Averted and Alleged Wreckers Arrested.

Elizabeth, N. J., Dec. 1.—Charged with attempted train-wrecking, Jacob Cioch, John Becker, William Dolson and Hugh O'Brien were committed to the Union county jail today. A Jersey Central railroad detective alleged that yesterday the accused placed a beam in front of the east-bound Long Branch express in an attempt to wreck the train at Cioch. The beam was seen by the engineer in time to bring the train to a stop. The young men are all under 21 years of age. They were identified by the train crew.

TRIED IN VAIN TO SAVE MOTHER.

Thirteen-Year-Old Boy Could Not Smother Deadly Flames.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 1.—Mrs. E. L. Johnston, 209 Ashmore avenue, died at St. Francis hospital this evening from burns received from a gasoline explosion at noon.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

Reports from Kassel say that the Rhahtia recently murdered several Christians at Khatum.

Lady Mills, widow of the ex-president of the Royal Academy, is seriously ill in London, with cancer of the throat.

Sir Henry Arthur Blake, British general and governor in chief of Jamaica since 1888, has been appointed governor of Hong Kong.

THE GOVERNMENT'S WARDS.

Special Features of the Problem of Caring for the Indians.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Among the annual reports of Indian agents it appears that at the Pottowattomie and Great Nemaha reservations in Kansas there are about 10,000 acres of surplus lands in the Prairie Band reserve that are likely to be a subject of contention in the future, and there seems to be a growing sentiment in the tribe favoring their sale.

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TAKES OYSTERS WITH HER ABOARD

Miss McTavish Will Serve Them to Roman Guests.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 1.—Miss Virginia McTavish is making arrangements to have the first Maryland oysters and terrapin sent in Rome for an American luncheon, which she proposes giving on her return to the Eternal City.

RACES AT BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Dec. 1.—Horsemen at the track here are much disappointed over the refusal of the board of control to grant an extension of ten days.

THIRTY MEN KILLED.

Kaiserslautern, Rhensish Bavaria, Dec. 1.—A fire-damp explosion has taken place in the Frankenthal colliery, near Homburg. Thirty men were killed and forty injured. Homburg is a fortified town of Rhensish Bavaria, six miles north of Dux-Ponits.

SPALDING MADE A SCENE.

A Chicago Embayzer Declines That His Sentence Is Unjust.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—Charles W. Spalding, ex-president of the Globe Savings bank, charged with embezzling \$25,000 funds of the University of Illinois, of which he was treasurer, was today sentenced to an indeterminate term in the penitentiary. By this he may be imprisoned from one to fifteen years at the discretion of the prison commissioners.

EMPLOYMENT FOR 2,000 MEN.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 1.—The Pennsylvania Railroad company today announced its intention to construct a third track from this point to Gallitzin. This will give employment to about 2,000 men, and will involve an outlay of nearly \$300,000.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Colder; Northwesterly Winds.

1. General—Germany's Demand on Haiti. 2. Italy—Want an Extension of Time to Comply with the Law. 3. State—Pennsylvania Bridge Builders' Big Contract. 4. Editorial—Accumulating in the Kaiser Murder Case. 5. Local—Third Day of the Van Horn Trial. 6. Local—Judge's Remarks on the Murder Case. 7. Local—How a Race Was Won. 8. Local—Dr. Allen's Curious Comments to Board of Health. 9. Local—Insane Man with a Loaded Revolver Makes Trouble. 10. Local—West Side and Suburban. 11. Local—Lawrence County Happenings. 12. Local—Neighboring County News. 13. The Markets.

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