

WAR'S DEAR ORIGIN
LES BALKANS

Fundamental Causes Found in Treaty of Berlin, Turning Western Eyes to East.

EARLY HATREDS FOSTERED

Conflict Made Inevitable by Growing Demand of Slavs in Austria for Separate Government, Menacing Dual Empire.

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BUDAPEST, April 16.—The origin of the present great war is found in the treaty of Berlin, executed on July 13, 1878.

Russia had come to the rescue of the revolting Christians in 1877, and after a bloody and costly war had practically driven the Turks from Europe, when the other European nations intervened, restored Macedonia to Turkish misrule and gave the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Austria to "occupy" and administer in the interest of the peace of Europe.

Shortly afterward Bulgaria followed Roumania's example in selecting a German prince for her king. The King of Greece married a sister of the present Kaiser.

Thus the eyes of both Austria and German Emperors were turned to the east.

Thus, also, began the Serbian hatred of the Hapsburgs, which culminated in the murder of Archduke Franz Ferdinand last July.

Balkan National Feeling Grows.

In the years that followed 1878 the Balkan nations increased in strength, in national feeling and in ambition to expand. They wanted all the land still under the suzerainty of the Turks, and even coveted part of what belonged to their neighbors.

Of all the Balkan countries, Serbia was the least fortunately placed, as it had no access to the sea. A pastoral country, Serbia had little to export except pork and sheepskins.

Serbia's Balkan neighbors raised the same commodities, so it was Austria which controlled her highroad to the sea that made the market for these products. Hence, economic reasons, united with racial ties and national ambitions, demanded the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to Serbia.

When in 1908 Austria took advantage of the revolution in Turkey, Germany backed her up in the violation of the treaty of Berlin.

The great powers were unwilling to fight, and Serbia had to submit. When in 1912 the Serbians entered the "Balkan league" chiefly to obtain access to the sea through the annexation of Albania.

The peoples of the Austro-Hungarian empire sympathized with the Serbs, but the Turks, but the Archduke Franz Ferdinand was bitterly opposed to a move which threatened the extension of the empire that he inherited from his father. He refused to allow Red Cross supplies to be given to Serbia.

Serbian Grievance Developed.

When the outbreak of the war Austria refused to let Serbia take any part of Albania, or to have access to the Adriatic.

The Serbians now came to look upon the Austrians as oppressors, upon Franz Ferdinand as a tyrant, the Serbians are a nation of patriots, and given to violence and to plots. The conspiracy of assassination was a logical outcome of the situation.

The two most powerful racial influences in continental Europe are separate nationalistic governments and the strengthening of monarchy. Of the first we are unfortunately feeling the effects among our immigrant population; of the second it is almost impossible for an American-born to have any comprehension.

In Italy and Germany the two influences worked together to make great nations. In Austria-Hungary only the strength of the monarchy has prevented the dissolution of the empire. It is significant that the movements toward the division of Austria-Hungary into a federation have acknowledged the right of the house of Hapsburg to rule over all.

It was the monarch who, contrary to the will of both people, annexed Bosnia-Herzegovina to Austria-Hungary. It is only Bosnia-Herzegovina and neighboring Slavs that wish to leave the dynasty of Hapsburg for that of Kara George.

The two great international policies of Europe are territorial expansion and national jealousy, called "the balance of power."

German Influence Increased. The storm of rebellion which broke over Austria in 1849 has often been depicted or smoothed over, but never crushed or satisfied. The German Empire has become richer and soldier each year.

It was entirely natural, therefore, for Austria to lean more heavily upon the alliance formed by Bismarck in 1879.

Partly from accident of location, which has been unfavorable to a further annexation of contiguous territory, partly due to an autocratic form of government unsuited to the retention of distant colonies, partly due perhaps to the Monroe Doctrine, imperial Germany has not increased in territory in comparison with the other European nations.

Her extraordinary economic growth is the wonder of the world—her army the match of any other two.

For some time she has felt the need of room to expand, as she expresses it, "a place in the sun."

Like all Western kingdoms, her eyes have been fixed on the East. Germany has long had large interests in Turkey. Until the Balkan War a road lay open through Bosnia and Macedonia to the Bosphorus, as the way on Turkish soil. The Balkan success was a bar in the way, but she promptly refashioned Bulgaria, at 8 per cent and large concessions, terms turned down by America.

What coincidence was there in Charles of Hohenzollern on the throne of Roumania, that of Bulgaria, a sister of the Kaiser Queen of Greece? The only throne not connected with that of Germany was Serbia.

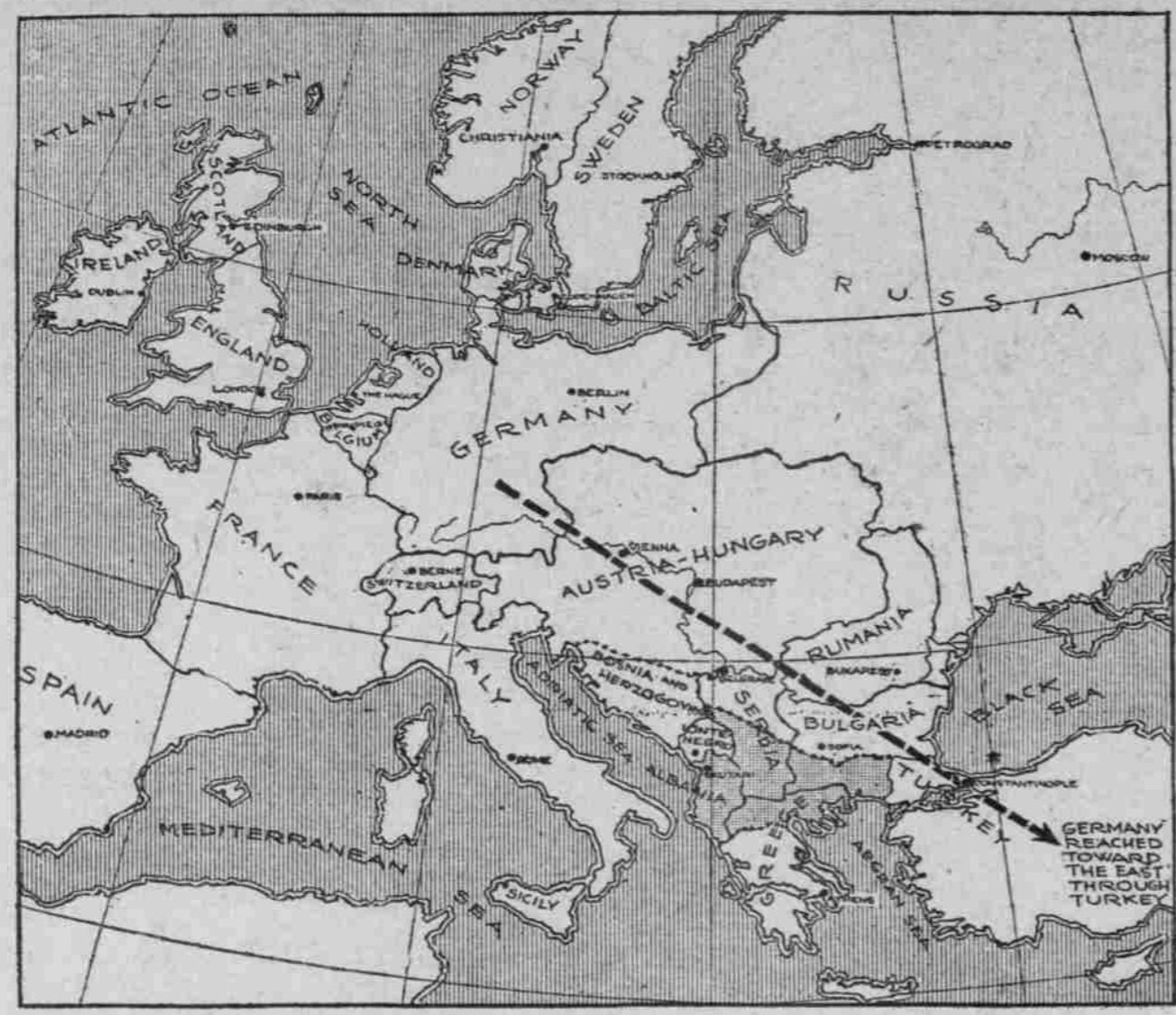
The Serbian people look in German eyes about as Filipinos do in ours, and besides, Serbia and Austria were approaching an "inevitable" conflict.

Time for War Becomes Ripe. The long hatred of France for Germany is known. The treaty of Berlin so offended Russia that Bismarck immediately after it formed a defensive alliance with Austria.

England and Germany had been growing at each other for years when the murder of Sarajevo detonated the powder magazine.

War between the Hapsburgs and the Serbian Slavs had been probable since 1878, certain since 1908. It was certain that Russia, which had not freed them from an alien race to sub-

MAP THROWING LIGHT ON ORIGIN OF EUROPEAN WAR.



This map shows how Germany in her desire for expansion turned east, and through martial and defensive alliances made Slavic Roumania and Bulgaria her agents in the Balkans, clearing a path to Turkey, which was blocked only by Serbia. The shaded portion of the Balkans indicates the territory won from Turkey in 1912 and absorbed by the various Balkan countries—Albania being taken under the protection of Austria.

protect them to another, would fight to protect them if it were able—it was not able in 1908.

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GOVERNORS TO BE GUESTS

Plans Laid for Western Conference Entertainment at Seattle.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—Governor Lister, as secretary of the Western Governors' Conference, which will be held at Seattle beginning Tuesday, has arranged a series of entertainments for the visiting executives, including a visit to the Bremerton Navy yard and a cruise to adjoining points on the Sound, a theater party to see "Everybody's a Bachelor" and tours of Seattle's system of boulevards.

Governor Spry, of Utah, president of the conference, and Governor Lister will meet in Seattle Monday to complete and announce the program of the conference business, which will deal largely with land matters peculiar to the Western states. Governor Withycombe, of Oregon, will present a paper dealing with an angle which has not been touched by other speakers.

Ex-Governors West, of Oregon, Hawley, of Idaho, and Oddie, of Nevada, also will attend the conference.

PERJURY CHARGE IS FILED

Grant County Stockman to Face Trial at Canyon City.

BAKER, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—Benjamin R. Colvin, a prominent stockman of Ritter, Grant County, is charged with perjury in the trial when he was acquitted of the charge of cattle-stealing. He was arraigned this week, and his trial will begin at Canyon City next Thursday. The case is brought by the state, and the grand jury returned an indictment against Colvin last November, but no action was taken until recently, when it was thought that he was preparing to leave the state.

The case grew out of his trial in November, 1913, when he is said to have testified falsely in regard to his alleged cattle-stealing. Colvin is wealthy, and the trial is expected to be one of the most interesting and more largely attended of any case in Grant County for years.

FIFTEEN TO BE GRADUATED

Walla Walla Commencement Exercises to Be Held This Week.

WALLA WALLA, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered to the graduating class of the Walla Walla College Sunday, May 16, by Rev. Mr. Cook, of the Methodist Church. Tuesday evening following will be the class play entitled "Mr. Bok." On Wednesday evening the graduating exercises will be held in the auditorium of the high school. Thursday the alumni banquet will be held in the domestic science room.

The class of 15 to be graduated consists of Olive Tulley, Francis McKinzie, Stella Johnson, Mabel Bell, Roland Marvin, Marion Womack, Ralph Hamilton, Della Freshman, Scott McClaran, Wallace Hard, Floyd Biles, Ellen Walker, Edgar Connor, Miran Hayes and Ray Johnson.

Wenatchee to Have Day at Fair.

WENATCHEE, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—Some date between July 25 and August 1 will be designated as Wenatchee day at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco. At a special meeting of the trustees of the Commercial Club yesterday to meet Cary S. Hill, commissioner of special days at the exposition, it was unanimously decided to accept the offer of Mr. Hill to give the Wenatchee-North country an official day on the exposition calendar.

FOES IN DEADLOCK

Battle Continuous, but Indecisive on Western Front.

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MANY PRISONERS TAKEN

Both French and German Reports Mention Progress Near Ypres and Paris Says Advance Goes on North of Arras.

LONDON, May 15.—Fighting shows little abatement on the western front in Flanders and France, according to the official reports from Paris and Berlin today, but there is absence of material progress on either side. The French report speaks of a "check of the enemy" north of Ypres, and of "new progress" north of Arras. The German report, dealing with events of last night, mentions progress along the Ypres-St. Julien front. The Germans have taken in this region since April 22, 110 officers and 6460 men, besides 590 wounded.

The official communication of the French War Office tonight said: "To the north of Ypres we have inflicted a check on the enemy. Our troops have taken several trenches in front of Het Sas and at the same time have occupied part of Steenstrate, to the west of the canal, and of the bridge on the canal. We captured three machine guns and about 60 prisoners, one of whom was an officer."

French Progress North of Arras. "To the north of Arras fighting continues, resulting in new progress for us. To the southeast of Notre Dame de Lorette our attack has extended in the north beyond the sugar refinery of Souchez and we have drawn nearer to the west, where we have in addition repulsed a counter-attack on the slopes to the south of Lorette.

"At Neuville-St. Vaast we are continuing the conquest of the northern part of the village and have captured several groups of houses. "To the northwest of the plain adjacent to the forest of Le Pretre, we have made about 50 prisoners, one of them an officer."

The report from German army headquarters at Berlin says: "Near Steenstrate we repulsed attacks made by the enemy during the night. "Germans Take Many Prisoners. "On the St. Julien-Ypres road we again attacked and made progress. Three officers and 60 men and one machine gun fell into our hands. "The number of unwounded prisoners taken by us (in this region) since April 22 has increased to 110 officers and 6460 men, to which more than 500 wounded men must be added. "Southwest of Lille heavy artillery fighting went on, followed up by the enemy with infantry attacks. "On the Dorette Heights the majority of the attempts at attacks made by the enemy were kept down. An attack on the high slope, which reached our trenches, was beaten off. The enemy suffered heavy losses."

ESSAY WINNERS NAMED

Result of Northwest Contest Announced at Whitman College.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—Albert Hanson, of South Bellingham, won first prize of \$25 for the best English essay in contest open to senior classes of high schools in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The second prize of \$15 was won by Edna Chittwood, North Yakima, Wash. The student who received special mention were: John W. Koontz, Spokane, Wash.; Wayne Davis, Pomeroy, Wash.; Glenn Testers, Weiser, Idaho; Andrew Thomas, Marshfield, Ore.; Grace Roddy, Walla Walla, Wash.; Will Verran, Vapato, Wash.; Duncan Brickell, Spokane, Wash.; Edna Gregory, Euvallup, Wash.; Battie Ericson, Tacoma, Wash.; and Marjorie J. Money, Oregon City, Ore.

PUT WAR TO VOTE, IS PLEA

Grange Resolution Aims to Take Power Away From Congress.

PUYALLUP, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—A resolution calling for an amendment to the Federal Constitution, taking away from Congress the power of declaring war and investing this power in the votes of the people, was adopted by the Pierce County Grange

at the close of a two days' quarterly session here today. Women and children were declared to be the chief sufferers from war.

A resolution was adopted calling on all granges and similar organizations to work for the enactment of a law declaring newspapers, magazines and periodicals to be public carriers of intelligence, and providing for their regulation and control as public carriers. A farmers' picnic, to be held at Point Defiance Park at Tacoma on August 26, was decided upon. It is planned to make this an annual affair. An invitation was extended to the granges of King, Pierce, Kitsap and Thurston counties to attend.

SNOW LIGHTEST ON RECORD

Washington Streams Are Expected to Be Low This Summer.

WENATCHEE, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—The total snowfall for 1914-15 undoubtedly was the least on record, according to the report of the United States Government. A record at Whittier Ranger Station in the Wenatchee National forest gives the snowfall for November 25 inches, December 55, January 51, February 47, total 178 inches, as compared with 272 inches in the light season of 1913-14, and 524 inches in the heavy season of 1912-13.

At Cascade Tunnel, on the Wenatchee River, the snow was gone six weeks earlier than in former years. At Tye the ground was clear of snow at the close of April. As a result the streams are expected to be low this summer.

RUNAWAYS RETURN HOME

Join Day Boys Start Out to See the World but Tire of Hard Work.

BAKER, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—Seeing the world is not so attractive, after all, the two boys who started out to see the world and to work on it, in the opinion of William Viegas and Dewey Benson, aged 18, of John Day. The boys determined to travel, and in the night took their fathers' saddle horses and left about a month ago. After traveling 20 miles they became hungry and had to get work on a ranch near Drewsey. The job did not pay well, and they further efforts to travel without funds they decided that the bed and table of the old home was just about good enough and returned.

GRANT ROADS SHORTENED

Sixteen Miles Cut Off Distance Between Long Creek and Prairie City.

BAKER, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—Grant County is improving and shortening its roads. The county engineer has approved the Canyon City Dayville road through the gorge of the John Day River, which has cut several miles from the distance between the two places. The road was considered a gigantic undertaking because it had to be cut through solid rock for nearly a mile. The cost was \$4000, much less than the estimate. The 30-mile road between Long Creek and Dayville is almost completed and will be opened this Spring. This cuts 16 miles off the distance between the two places. It is planned to shorten and improve others soon.

HAINES MARSHAL LET OUT

Council Cuts Salary, People Protest and Recall Is Threatened.

BAKER, Or., May 15.—(Special.)—The councilmen are being made because of the action of the official body in discharging City Marshal Davis. Davis was receiving a salary of \$85 a month when the Council, after a stormy session, cut his pay to \$60 a month. The people protested and 28 signed a petition asking that his \$25 salary be restored. When the petition was presented there was another heated discussion and it ended with the marshal let out entirely. Now the people are indignant at the Councilmen and threats of recall are being made.

Night Watchman Robbed of \$200.

DAYTON, Wash., May 15.—(Special.)—Nightwatchman Brooks, of the North Pacific Railroad Company, was robbed of \$200 one night this week. He was working on an engine from 9 until 11 o'clock that night, and when he went to the boxcar where he sleeps and keeps his possessions, he found it had been ransacked and his strong-box, under his bunk, had been opened with a knife. A heavy rain fell all night, so no tracks were visible, though the authorities were notified of the robbery at once.

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WAR BRINGS BALLOT

Danes of Both Sexes Win Universal Suffrage.

CHANGES MADE GRADUALLY

Power Given to Reactionaries Following Disastrous War Is Regained by People in New Spirit of Compromise.

COPENHAGEN, May 15.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Denmark's new constitution granting equal suffrage to men and women, which goes into effect on June 5, has ended a long and bitter controversy. For this happy result the Danes can thank the fact that their constitution was drafted as a concession to the conservatives. The demand for reform was too widespread for conservatives to resist, but concessions were made to insure a gradual change.

Election returns for the 1915 year to vote for candidates to the Landsting, or upper house, and their 200 elective rights in the case of the lower house, were granted at the 50th year, but as a concession to the conservatives the limit will be reduced only a year at each election, which will insure a period of 10 years for the reduction to take place in full.

Reactionaries Gain Power.

It was in 1849 that Denmark passed from a despotism to a free constitution. The reactionaries gained the upper hand during the depression that followed the disastrous war with Germany and Austria in 1864 and passed a constitution that virtually delivered all the political power into the hands of the landowners by means of certain electoral privileges regarding Landsting, or upper house, leaving the popular body with little to say in the running of the government.

The constitution of 1866 has been marked by a half century of fighting between the two houses. The conservatives held the upper house, which did its bidding as the lower house, behind it stood the people, and since 1900 it has been composed of liberals, moderates and radicals, with almost no conservatives.

Demand Comes From People.

A demand from the Folketing was consequently a demand from the mass of the Danish people and not to be ignored. The movement for constitutional reform began modestly enough, as only one amendment—giving a few voting qualifications, was asked for. The proposal for the abolition of electoral privileges held by the upper class and for universal suffrage for men and women was taken up vigorously by the entire democracy, including the conservatives and Socialists, and notwithstanding the inequalities of the franchise, the radicals even replaced the moderates in the cabinet. Last July it was seen that universal suffrage was insured.

The outbreak of the European war

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