

# Slav Versus the Teuton

## Great Struggle For Supremacy That Is Disturbing the Peace of Europe

**W**HILE the immediate cause of Austria-Hungary's attack on Serbia is the demand for reparation for the murder of the Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, the ultimate causes are the movement of the Hapsburg empire toward the south and the desperate efforts of the entire Slav (Serbian) race to regain complete national existence.

Ever since the rebirth of the Turkish army from Vienna in 1683 the Austrians have steadily fought their way southward, expecting ultimately to make their way to the Aegean over the ruins of the Turkish empire. Austria, like Russia, was not unwilling to see small buffer states set up to occupy the middle ground during the intervals of rest in her forward movement, and so most of the Balkan states of today came into being.

Of the Servian race, which in the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries ruled a vast empire, extending over the western half of the Balkan peninsula and the eastern coast of the Adriatic, practically all had come under Turkish domination in the sixteenth century. For twenty years of that century, about, Serbia was under Austrian rule, then reverted to Turkey.

**The Servian People.**  
Only a minority of the Servian race live in Serbia and the Macedonian territory recently won from the Turks.



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CZAR NICHOLAS OF RUSSIA.

Nicholas II, the czar of all the Russian, is the supreme ruler of the largest Slavie race in the world and may be considered the head of all Slavs, although millions of them are scattered through various countries and are not under Russian rule. A large proportion of Austria's population are Slavs, Germany has a large Slavie population in its eastern sections, and the inhabitants of Serbia, Montenegro, Roumania, Bosnia, Herzegovina, Bulgaria and the other countries of the Balkan peninsula are also to a large percentage Slavs.

Montenegro is inhabited by people ethnically and historically the same; so are Bosnia and Herzegovina; so is much of the hinterland of Dalmatia and large districts in Hungary, Croatia and Slavonia, peopled by the same race, called the "Irredent Hungary" because of the alleged persecutions by their rulers. A hundred years ago part of the Servian race was subject to Turkey and part to the Hapsburg monarchy. The part under Turkish domination has won its freedom; the other has not.

"Austria's policy of repression of the Slav peoples is responsible for this calamity," said Professor Michael I. Pupin of Columbia university, comment on the assassination of the Austrian archduke. Professor Pupin comes of Serbian stock and typifies the big, dark haired and dark eyed men of his race. Naturally he strongly sympathizes with the Serbians, and views expressed by him clearly reflect these Slavophilic sentiments and sympathies.

"There are two recent events that really foreshadowed some disaster to any one familiar with the temperaments of the Servian people," he said. "These are the strike of the students in the government schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina that began several months ago and has not been settled, and, second, that probably of greater importance, the military maneuvers of the Austrian army that have been going on in these two countries under the direction of the crown prince.

**Strike of the Students.**  
"The student strike began, you remember, when a government professor in the school at Mostar, Herzegovina, made reflection on the Serb race. The students of his class rose in a body and asked him to retract. He refused. They pitched him out of the classroom and used him rather roughly. These fifty Serb students went on strike. They are only high school students really, boys about sixteen to nineteen years old. They refused to return till the professor was dismissed. They were expelled. Then throughout Herzegovina and Bosnia the students struck in sympathy. The government sent troops and officers to restore order. The students refused to give in. And so the fight stood deadlocked at the outbreak of war.

"Nothing could be more calculated to provoke the people of Herzegovina and Bosnia to rage than to have Austrian troops march across their borders to execute maneuvers along the Servian frontier. They are Serbs, of the same stock as the people of Serbia proper, and they saw the archduke mauling his corpse in mimic war preparatory to the war which all felt must come.

**Austrian Repression of Serbia.**  
The Serbs of the present kingdom became autonomous in 1830, but revolted in 1878, aiming at complete freedom. With them joined the kinsmen of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

In 1878 at Berlin the great powers of Europe sought to rearrange the Balkan peninsula, and two of them tried to satisfy their ambitions for self-aggrandizement. Russia strengthened her old resolution to acquire Constantinople by transforming Bulgaria into a Russian province, and Austria-Hungary renewed her determination to gain an outlet on the Aegean at Saloniki and to extend her Adriatic frontage by crushing and absorbing Serbia, Albania and Macedonia.

The Russian plans were defeated by the genius and valor of Alexander of Battenburg and Stephen Stambouloff. Those of Austria seemed far more likely to succeed. The Berlin treaty of 1878 gave her temporary control of the two great Turkish provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina and also of the smaller sanjak of Novi Bazar, lying between Serbia and Montenegro, and it so shut Serbia in among other states as to make her almost entirely dependent upon Austria-Hungary for commercial or other intercourse with the rest of the world.

Austro-Hungarian policy was to induce Serbia to yield her independence and become a mere province of the dual realm. As a long step toward this end Austria-Hungary a few years ago, in alleged violation of the Berlin



MAP SHOWING BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA.  
One of the great causes of the war between Austria and Serbia was the annexation by Austria of Bosnia and Herzegovina, both largely populated by Serbs.

secret plans. It was this disappointment more perhaps than any other cause which precipitated the recent wars on the Balkan peninsula. Russian influence has been dominant in Serbia, as it has in Montenegro and in the other so-called Danube principalities ever since they came into existence, and Austria's light is really directed more against Russia's schemes than against Serbia's national independence.

**Servian Agitation.**  
This well known fatal blow at Austrian ambitions aroused the dual realm to desperate efforts, and through a threat of a general European war it induced the other great powers to back, or at least, to sanction, its course in intervening to take from Serbia what that power considered the legitimate spoils of victory by erecting Albania into a kingdom which should be under Austrian influence.

All this naturally embittered the millions of Serbs who are held subject in Austria-Hungary and incited them to form societies and to agitate for their liberation. In June occurred the assassination of the Austro-Hungarian heir presumptive at the Bosnian capital in circumstances which were mysterious and suspicious. The Austro-Hungarian government followed up the incident with a series of more or less direct charges of Servian responsibility, culminating in a peremptory demand.

Thirty years ago Serbia was a cut-paw for Austria in Balkan schemes, with Russia backing Bulgaria, but now the Serbians can count on Russian sympathy, for their cause is indirectly the cause of the entire Slavie race in its double struggle to be free from German rule and to fight for the heritage of Constantinople.

**Austria's Slav Rule.**  
Commenting upon forcible annexation by Austria of the Serb provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1908 a correspondent of the New York Evening Post, writing from St. Petersburg, said:

"The Austrian bureaucracy proves itself a juster, humbler, and stronger ruler of the Slavs than the Russian bureaucracy. Bosnia, Herzegovina, Croatia, Dalmatia, not to mention Serbia and Montenegro, have better governments than Russia has. The southern Slavs ought to come to the help of their northern brethren, instead of calling on the latter to assist them. It

is the southern Slavs who are comparatively successful, enlightened, free, and the Russians who are ignorant, backward, enslaved. In Russia only 3.8 per cent of the children go to school, while in Serbia, Bulgaria, and the Slav provinces which are under Austrian rule the proportion is more than twice as high. In calling on Russia for help the Serbs don't know what they are doing. They forget that their invitation could only bring to their assistance, not the Russian people, but the armed servants that hold the Russian people down. It may seem paradoxical to say that if the Russians did intervene and did win, the second state of the Serbs would be worse than the first, but unfortunately, history proves that this is exactly what has occurred in the past."

**The Policy of Austria.**  
The policy of Austria in the Balkan region has ever been consistent and in accordance with the one great aim of the western powers of Europe—to hem in Russia so as to prevent it from gaining a foothold on the Mediterranean coast. For the sake of that aim Turkey was permitted to continue its existence in spite of its misrule and overbearing. In pursuance of the same policy the terms of the treaty of San Stefano were annulled by the treaty of Berlin to prevent Russia from obtaining important advantages and eventually the control over the port of Cetinje through an arrangement with Montenegro.

Austria was well aware of the fact that Serbia as well as Montenegro was subsidized by Russia and in complete sympathy with the aims of the great Slav empire. An expansion of Serbia meant to Austria an increase of the danger threatening from Russian ascendancy, and for that reason the expansion of Serbia had to be stopped. To do this effectively Austria was compelled to annex Bosnia and Herzegovina, separating Serbia from the Adriatic.

Inspired and abetted by Russia, Serbia had intended to obtain control of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the annexation of these former Turkish provinces by Austria was a great blow to Serbia's aspirations and to Russia's scheme.

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"Well, to show you that I don't here's a five dollar bill I'll bet against a fifty cent piece that this dream of his turns out to be nonsense."  
Mr. Boyce fished up the coin, and the wager was made. That was in the forenoon. In the afternoon he drove out into the country to serve some papers on a farmer, and while talking with the man's wife at the door he was hit on the head with a club by the husband, who sat asked on behind. The assaulter had a reddish nose and bushy whiskers.

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In old Salon days they would have denounced that boy as a wizard and roasted him at the stake. As it was, they could do nothing but ask each other what should be done.  
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"I'm not a superstitious man," he said, as all other men say, "but I don't want that boy dreaming that I fell from the roof of a barn and broke my back. Let's buy the family to move a thousand miles away and dream for some other community."

### THE BOY WHO DREAMED

By M. QUAD  
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John Boyce was a village carpenter, and it cannot be said of him that he was a hardworking man. As a matter of fact, he was inclined to be lazy. He had a wife who was regarded as easy going, and the couple did not cut much of a figure in the estimation of the villagers.

The only child of the Boyces when they had been married more than seven years was a son named Bob, six years old. He wasn't dull, and he was not considered unusually smart—just an average boy. If any one had predicted that he was going to turn that county inside out before he reached the age of seven he would have been looked upon as light in the head. The boy started his career at the breakfast table one morning when he said:

"Father, did the lightning ever strike anything in Hillsdale?"  
"Not that I remember," was the reply.  
"But it's going to."  
"How do you know?"  
"Dreamed it last night."  
"What'll it strike?"  
"The Methodist meeting house. It's going to strike the spire and bust it all to pieces and then burn the church down."  
"Bob, the cut must have been lying on your stomach," said the father, who was somewhat impressed by his earnestness.

"No, she wasn't."  
"It ain't worth minding," said the father as he left the table to fill his plate.  
An hour later he met the pastor of the church on the street and told him what young Bob had dreamed.  
"Indigestion," replied the good man.  
On the afternoon of the third day thereafter a thunderstorm came. While the clouds were banking up the boy came in from play and said to his mother:

"Now you watch out and you'll see the church struck." And so it happened.

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Intelligence is the mother of brevity.  
The wheel of fortune is greased by labor.  
Life without hope is like a house without a roof.  
Two can live as cheaply as one who has to pay alimony.

Ever know a woman who admitted her shoes were too small?  
A new broom sweeps clean, but the trouble is it won't stay new.  
The best lightning rod for your own protection is your own spines.

A Boston hospital announces a cure for baldness. Possibly a graft.  
The dictograph has promoted even eavesdropping to a scientific basis.  
Good intentions keep a lot of fellows on the verge of doing something.

One good thing about work is that it keeps some people out of mischief.  
We should all forgive and forget, but it's so hard to do two things at once.  
Luck is the man who can unload his experience at the rate he paid for it.

The firmest believer in heredity is the father of an abnormally bright boy.  
Greatest of all conservation movements—that to conserve the babies of the house.  
The man who is governed by his conscience very seldom has to employ a lawyer.

There's a real, no such thing as hope, but a hope against hope. It's hoping against fear that is most.  
It's mighty hard to admire the man who makes a success out of what you give up as a failure.

The people who are satisfied to take things as they come are generally satisfied with very little.  
Maybe you also have noticed that when a man sings his own praises he hardly ever gets an encore.

Wherein we differ from others we are individual; wherein others differ from us they are eccentric.  
In looking around for things to be thankful for, Mexico may state that she has no significant suffragettes.

Some persons need tranquility of their own to divert them from worrying about the troubles of others.  
Kind words are never lost—unless a woman puts them in a letter and gives it to her husband to mail.

Walking is fine exercise, but there's a difference between stretching your legs a bit and having them pulled.  
As a general thing, the kind of man who makes hay while the sun shines has something saved for a rainy day.

Women of the future will be bald, says a German scientist. There's such a thing as carrying this equality thing too far.  
The oil that serpents have a grimace of humor in choosing for their dinner the scraps of the butcher's cleaver.

Instead of looking under the bed for a four-footed, become customary paper to go to bed the furniture for the night.  
The sting of the serpent's fang is deadly, but not more so than that of the human tongue when it strikes at one's reputation.

Every sale of a famous old master shows either that the ancients didn't know a good thing or that some modern has found one.  
Many a man rises by dint of hard labor. He mounts because of his efforts. And many another rises like smoke because of his buoyancy.

An eminent Danish literary critic denounces the American reporter, and all the scribblers will now admit that there is something rotten in Denmark.  
The newest stabilizer, it is announced, will enable an aeroplane to keep its balance under any and all conditions. Now who will invent one for individuals?

The bird census has shown that there are a hundred million robins in this country; hence no one need be surprised at the large number of first ones seen every spring.  
A New York newsboy has decided to take up the study of scientific agriculture preparatory to becoming a farmer. Which only goes to show that the New York newsboy is as wise as he is proverbially given credit for.

The statement of a medical expert that tuberculosis is increasing in our larger cities seems well based upon statistics, but it may be the count is closer than it used to be. Figures tell the truth, but they do not always tell the whole truth.  
"This community has some blue laws, hasn't it?"  
"Yes. But when it comes to enforcing them most of us are color blind."  
—Washington Star.

A woman writes from her throat, The next and dumb on fingers neat, While fingers use the green-backed note And you here use their feet.  
—Judge.  
"Was the hollow square formation appreciated?"  
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### THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

By F. A. MITCHELL

In a western community into which the people were introducing courts of law John Bradshaw, a man to whom every one looked up as a very wise man, suggested that together with a public prosecutor they have a public defender. Mike Conover replied to the suggestion.

"It seems to me," he said, "that it's hard enough to get at the truth with a prosecutor to muddle the jury. If we have a defender to throw up the same amount of dust who's going to see through it all?"

But Mike had no standing with the community beside Bradshaw, who was a large man with an impressive demeanor and seldom spoke, but when he did his words seemed to weigh a ton. The public defender was appointed, and the citizens congratulated themselves that justice thereafter would be provided for accused persons as well as for the state.

The first person to come before the court was Mike Conover himself. A robbery had been committed in the town involving the loss of a watch and about \$10 in currency. It had occurred about 12 o'clock at night. Joel Harkness had been walking home when some one came up behind him, put his arms around him, and a scuffle had ensued. The street was not lighted, and Harkness did not see his assailant, who soon released his hold. When Harkness arrived at home he found that he had been relieved of a gold watch and chain and the money which he had carried in his vest pocket. He reported the matter to the police, who advised him to say nothing about the matter for the present. They were engaged in ferreting out other criminalities, and it would then if the criminal supposed that Harkness had pocketed his loss without reporting it.

A few days after this Mary Howland went to see Mrs. Conover, but not finding her at home, sat down in the living room. Mary had very keen ears and, hearing a ticking, wondered where it came from. Making a search, she found a gold watch and chain in a bureau drawer.

Mike being a poor laborer, Mary knew that he could not afford any such timepiece and talked about her find to her neighbors. The incident reached the ears of the police. A search was made of Mike's home and the watch found. Harkness without hesitation identified it as his property. The bills he had lost were not found, but they could not have been identified if they had been found.

Mike was arrested, and the public defender called upon him to hear what he had to say and prepare his defense. The lawyer was a young man full of the dignity of the law. He was ambitious to take a prominent part in politics and hoped to make capital for himself out of this first case as public defender. Mike assured him that he was perfectly innocent. He had gone out to work very early one morning and came upon a gold watch and chain lying on the sidewalk. He picked them up and took them home after his day's work, showing them to his wife and asking her what to do about it. Bridget said that the owner of the watch had doubtless dropped it unaware and would advertise it in a loss notice tacked to a tree or in the town paper, which would be issued in a few days. He had better be on the lookout for such notice. But nothing appeared on the trees or in the paper, and Bridget told Mike when he went to work on the day of his arrest that she would try to find the owner.

The public defender listened to this statement with supreme contempt. In the first place he did not believe it, in the second he could not prove it, and in the third he proposed to show his ingenuity in getting his client off. He asked Mike how much money he had, and Mike said that Bridget had something like \$200 in a stocking. The defender told him to bring it to him. "Mike," he said, "your story would never go down with a jury. We must prove an alibi was, but he produced the \$200."

At the trial the prisoner was astonished to learn that on the night of the robbery he was in a town fifty miles distant and at midnight was drinking in the Alhambra saloon with several witnesses who swore to the statement. The defendant made a strong case, and the prosecutor was much troubled to disprove the alibi. He talked all day to gain time and during the night paid to one of the defendant's witnesses \$10 to swear that he had been mistaken in the man. This broke down the statements of the other witnesses for the defense, and the facts were so conclusive against the prisoner that he was convicted without the jurors leaving their seats.

"Michael Conover, stand up," said the judge. "Have you anything to say why sentence should not be passed upon you?"

"I have," said a voice, and a man in clerical garb came forward and asked to be sworn. Then he said:

"Bridget Conover, the prisoner's wife, came to me recently to be confessed. She told me that her husband had found a watch and chain and asked me what he should do to find the owner."  
Here was evidence that even the public prosecutor did not think of rebutting. Mike received a new trial and was acquitted by the jury that had convicted him and went forth a free man.

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Germany is reported to be preparing to invade Holland, but not to be in any big hurry. "In Dutch."—New York Herald.  
The department of agriculture announces that the new's farm the corner of the letter, we saw any green butter.  
Bivla Pankhurst says she should pay her tax on the vote. Well, there are no better able to pay the tax and get voted.—Louisville Courier.  
An old time American says "Wait for the wagon and wait for the wagon." Americans are not to be trusted.  
1914 model of automobile—World.

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Town Topics.  
New Orleans is at present on rats.—Whitely Eagle.  
Great! Let the night go. Conner has ordered individual traps for horses.—Wall Street Journal.  
St. Louis is justly proud of its cleanliness, but there are as many people there to make it up.—Chicago News.  
When it comes to gun fighting New York does not seem to have a great deal on Boston.—Worcester Post.

Train and Track.  
Missouri Pacific railway is practically rebuilt this year between Omaha and Kansas City.  
The Hungarian government will spend \$4,000,000 on the Budapest, which is next to that of London, its most important railway center in the country.  
Twenty-four driving wheels, sixty-three inches in diameter, form a locomotive recently completed at Philadelphia which is the most powerful yet built.  
Renewed efforts are being made to build the long discussed direct railway from Madrid to Valencia, which, if believed, would make Valencia the best seaport of Spain.

Current Comment.  
Current advertisements are getting more embarrassing personal than ever. "Think of your face," runs one we noticed recently.—London Globe.  
The baby carriage has one advantage over the automobile; no one was ever known to mortgage his home in order to acquire one.—Birmingham News.  
With the population of the country growing at the rate of seven million in four years it is no wonder that production has to do some talk appearing to keep up with consumption.—Indiana News.

Industrial Items.  
Last year in the United States 150 men lost their lives in the manufacture of explosives.  
To keep up with the match requirement of the earth the services of 80,000 work people are constantly required.  
After extensive tests it has been found that goggles made of polished green glass are the best to protect the eyes from ultra violet rays and the injurious light encountered in steel and iron working.

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