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situation 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 Serbian responsibility.

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 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.

Slav Versus the Teuton

Great Struggle For Supremacy That Is Disturbing the Peace of Europe

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.

Austrian Repression of Serbia. The Serbs of the present kingdom became autonomous in 1830, but revolted in 1876-78, aiming at complete freedom. With them joined their kinsmen of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Russian plans were defeated by the genius and valor of Alexander of Battenburg and Stephen Stambuloff. 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.

WHILE 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 Serb (Serbian) race to regain complete national existence.

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



Photo by American Press Association. CEAR NICHOLAS OF RUSSIA.

Nicholas II, the czar of all the Russians, is the supreme ruler of the largest Slav 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.

Montenegro is inhabited by people ethnically and linguistically the same; so are Bosnia and Herzegovina; so is much of the hinterland of Dalmatia and large districts in Hungary.



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.

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.

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 secret plans.

treaty, forcibly annexed the Slavie states of Bosnia and Herzegovina. But in doing so she overreached herself, for she thus hastened the formation of that Balkan league which in one of the most amazing wars on record drove the Turks out of Macedonia and Albania and most of Thrace, and partitioned nine-tenths of the former Turkish empire in Europe among the four members of the league.

Strikes 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.

"Austria's policy of repression of the Serb peoples is responsible for this calamity," said Professor Michael L. Pupin of Columbia university, commenting on the assassination of the Austrian archduke.

"There are two recent events that really foreshadowed some disaster to any one familiar with the temperament of the Serbian 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.

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 heir presumptive of the Austro-Hungarian empire at Sarajevo.