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The southern Slav State, which would be the new third part of the monarchy, would include Bosnia, Herzegovina, Dalmatia, Croatia and Slavonia. It is not unlikely that so long as the Serbs of Bosnia can find this plan feasible they will be contented to be a part of either Hungary or of Austria.

They clearly imply in their joint resolution regarding the limitation of the Bosnian Constitution. This resolution points out that the Constitution has left unchanged the absolute political and economic dependence of the province upon Austria-Hungary, has made the introduction of bills into the Diet conditional upon the previous sanction of the Austro-Hungarian Government and has limited the legislative initiative and right of interpretation of the Diet by conferring absolute urgency upon Government measures.

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With the publication of the official figures of the births in France in 1909 a familiar discussion has been resumed with fresh vigor. Not in the 110 years that this annual record has been made has the number been so small.

All the more disappointing are these returns when the recent success of the Government in dealing with the marriage problem is recalled. In 1907 the Chambers took up the problem of promoting wedlock throughout the republic, and they did promote it. A resulting increase in the birth rate was looked for, and now comes the paltry total of 770,000 new citizens and citizens-as against an average of 800,000 for the years since the Franco-German war.

The marriage law is certainly a success and its results may have a passing interest for those legislators in our own country who think it wise to throw difficulties in the way of those who desire to wed. It was the idea of the Abbé Lemire, who is a legislator as well as a priest, sitting in the old Chamber as one of the Deputies for the Department du Nord.

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consume, they would amuse themselves, they would circulate money, they would boom French industry and trade at home and abroad.

As for remedial legislation, a whole raft of bills was introduced in the French Parliament last month as soon as it got ready for work after its organization. They all run along similar lines. Taxation of bachelors is a favorite proposal. Obligatory marriage of State employees who have reached the age of 25 is a strong second. Supplementary salaries as children are born and increased superannuation pensions for the fathers of three children or more reaching maturity are contemplated.

The most radical proposal of all is that of repealing the law requiring the distribution of the great bulk of every estate among the children, children in equal shares. This law has been highly esteemed at home and much praised abroad as the cornerstone of French prosperity. It has been, not without reason, cited as preventing the growth of swollen fortunes in France and also as greatly diminishing the number of abjectly poor. It is quite certain, however, that it has been also a main cause of "race suicide." The thrifty people of France avoid doggedly the minute subdivision of their property. Many deliberately limit their offspring to a single heir, especially where their estates are small, and when two children are born all the rest of the parents' lives is often devoted to caring and saving so that an adequate inheritance may be provided for the second without disturbing the principal with which they themselves started life.

It is certain that there will be a great fight over the repeal of this law of succession. The socialist and radical elements, which are opposed to the accumulation of property in individual hands, are likely to make a strenuous fight against it. It is hardly likely that it will pass unamended, but the present statute may be so modified as to remove some of the reluctance of couples to provide the State with food and munitions of progress as the anti-Malthusians of to-day prefer to regard units of humanity.

At any rate the problem will provide an issue of no small moment in the present session of the French Parliament. The world will most likely have an opportunity of judging at an early day how far a national habit which has been growing stronger and stronger for the best part of a century can be counteracted and reversed by artificial stimuli.

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