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to replace old ones than to spend it on the wages of men for whom there is no work. One course adds to the wealth of the community; the other way squanders it.

EUROPE IS BUSY MAKING NEW MAPS

Future Frontiers Will Be Linguistic and Racial—The Scattered Slavic Races See Liberty Ahead—America's Word In the Final Summing Up.

By VANCE THOMPSON IT IS an exact fact that the political and ethnographic geographers of France and England—and, I presume, Russia—are busy these days mapping out the lands of the old Austrian Empire and of those parts of the German Empire which are inhabited by non-German races. I think you can see the import of this governmental work.

With serene foresight the great Powers are looking forward to that ultimate day when peace shall be declared. It is an intimation that the final settlement shall be made upon the lines of race and nationality—that linguistic frontiers shall follow the natural curve of race and kin.

Now it was discovered there are no authentic maps of this sort more recent than 1908 or thereabouts. The German maps, not unnaturally, minimize the importance of the Slavs, Serbs and Wends in the empire; the Austrian maps are not scientific. For these reasons the great Powers have ordered their geographers and mapmakers to draw up new maps, linguistic and ethnographic, based on the latest and most exactly ascertained facts.

Long-Suffering Slavs If I may believe what I read in the newspapers there seems to be some dispute as to the origin and meaning of the Great War; but whatever it meant in the beginning, it has come to be, for many of the minor nationalities of Europe, a war of liberation.

The Great Slavic Host in Europe It is difficult, until the geographers have finished the work now in hand, to get an exact statement of the number of Slavs in Europe. The estimate given in 1907 by Professor Florinsky, of Kiev, is this:

Table with 2 columns: Nationality and Population. Includes Russians (103,000,000), Bulgarians (5,400,000), Serbs and Croats (9,000,000), Czechs (6,841,000), Slovaks (2,600,000), Poles (20,355,000), Wends (150,000).

In round figures this makes 148,000,000 Slavs in Europe for the year 1907. Now the ethnographers say the natality of the race is 3.7 per cent, so that each year you may add 2,500,000 to the population. Then the Slavs in Europe, this year of 1915, are over 186,000,000; and of these 85,000,000 are subjected to German rule.

These little nations, scattered and subjugated, form the real barrier to Germanic expansion toward the east and south. For a hundred years they have presented a steady, substantial and race-sharpened opposition to the German advance.

As Prof. Niederle says: "The Poles were not wholly at their ease in Russia, but Russia had never taken measures so violent and so subtle in their cruelty as those imagined by the Prussians."

Unquestionably this world war has given the Poles a chance for liberty—or the next best thing, which is to rejoin their Slavic brothers. The latest ethnographic map shows the true Polish State should run far east of Posen and Warta, and should include even the old Wend colonies now isolated in Germany.

Of all the little nations that have stood for Slavic civilization as opposed to Teutonic, the most remarkable are the Czechs and the Serbs. The Czechs and their Slovak brothers form a compact mass in Bohemia, in Moravia, in the Duchy of Silesia, in Hungary, and in a degree in Prussian Silesia.

Serbs Held the Turks in Check I have said the most remarkable of these races of brotherly Slavs is the Serbian race, including, of course, the Croats. Their history since the fifth century has been as heroic as any in Europe.



Gloom Dispellers of the Right Kind

WHOEVER can read the reports of business booms and keep the corners of his mouth drawn down in an incorrigible pessimist. Take, for example, the summary of orders for railroad material which have been given to American manufacturers since the beginning of the year.

The American railroads have arranged within 30 days to buy about \$30,000,000 worth of cars, rails and locomotives. The Pennsylvania Railroad will spend a large part of this amount for 15,000 new cars.

The French, Russian and Chilean Governments have come here for new equipment. The Russian order is for \$12,000,000 worth of light cars from a Pacific coast company.

Now, Keep the Agreement GOVERNOR BRUMBAUGH has announced that at a conference of all the members of the Joint Committee on Legislation of both houses of the General Assembly it was unanimously agreed to pass a fair and certain workman's compensation law this winter.

When a Duck Is a Deer THOSE Englishmen who are finding American sentiment reflected in the comic papers have neglected to study the chief humorous publication of the country, edited by W. G. McCauley.

Repeat the Full Crew Law NO EXPLORER has yet found a vast and inexhaustible store of gold from which to draw for paying the cost of the thousand and one different "reforms" advocated by people who think they know it all.

Lords of Creation! THE passage of the woman suffrage resolution by the House yesterday was expected. The conviction seems to be settled that the electorate as a whole should be permitted to pass on the question.

What do you think of that? "A man painted it," yawned the lion. "Mollycoddles!" Where have we heard that word before?

They know in Camden that a police carnival is much more to be desired than a carnival of burglary.

Government under a blanket may thrive for a while, but an indignant people will tear off the blanket and expose the secret plottings. The point of this remark is in the application thereof.

The New York Germans who are boasting that eight German spies went to England on the Lusitania may possibly be following the example of Bismarck, who told the truth when he knew it would not be believed.

"OUR JOFFRE," THE HERO OF FRANCE

His Passion for Efficiency Turned a Nation's Despair to Joy—He Likened to the Wine of His Native Province, "Strength Veiled in Sweetness."

GENERAL JOFFRE, to whom all France pays grateful homage, is not too great to make a pun. After that swift retreat from Belgium to the Marne, which brought consternation and discouragement to his countrymen, he suddenly took the offensive and the Germans did the retreating.

General Joffre plays no favorites, as officers and men well know. Efficiency is his test, and he assigns tasks of responsibility that standard alone. Personal friendships have time and again been subordinated, sacrificed, to this method of measurement.

Today France has unbounded faith in the commander-in-chief. He himself radiates confidence. He is a man who does things with few words, with no fuss. He is an efficiency engineer. Four years ago he was raised to supreme command of the army of France.

The Man Who Is Never Tired Joffre is never tired. He takes good care of himself. He carefully regulates his eating and sleeping. He is always brisk. His eyes are always clear. He is always ready for work.

Belongs in Philadelphia From the Boston Transcript. The contest over the question of sending Liberty Bell to the San Francisco Exposition for exhibition is again at white heat in Philadelphia, and patriotic societies are protesting against its removal.

Mexico's Social Problem From the New York Evening Post. The social problem in Mexico is being solved. Public unrest will subside when some one has served a term as Provisional President.

—and purpose—of a greater Serbia. "When the 'Drang nach Osten' of Pan-Germanism found concrete geographical expression on the map in 1908, by Austria's absorption of Bosnia and Herzegovina"—I have quoted Leon Dominian, the geographer—then it seemed that the cream of the Serbs was definitely slain. They had conquered the Turk and set themselves free—only to pass under another yoke.

Under the Austrian seizure lay the seed of the present Austro-Serbian War. Bosnia is a portion, at once national and geographic, of Serbia. Its seizure by Austria was part of the Pan-Germanic drive toward the east and south, of which so much has been written and so little is understood.

Foreseeing such an end, the governments have set their ethnographic mapmakers to work. (Possibly Mr. Wilson has not overlooked the matter.) It seems to be public opinion that no peace settlement will endure for a year if it is not based upon freedom and enfranchisement for the subjugated races, that the new frontiers must be linguistic and racial.

THE LION OF FLANDERS (The National Song of Belgium.) They never will subdue him, The Flemish Lion proud; Think they by savage onslaught, To find his spirit cowed? No, never will they crush him, So long as Right is Right; So long as Flemish honor, Unstained shall live and bright.

OM Time consumeth cities, And thrones may pass away; But the strength of Belgic manhood Shall die not in a day; Let Caesar bring his armies, We've laughed their rage to scorn; As ever from wild carnage, A nation new is born.

We've met the Roman Caesar, And legion was their name; Led on to dire destruction, Who fell when Caesar came. The ancient Belgic honor Hath stood two thousand years, Its youth and strength renewing At sight of blood and tears.

"Might is Right!" No, never, That lie hath cursed the past; But "Right is Right" forever, And Man shall rise at last; In lowly toil unceasing, We live in peace and piety; Nor ask a sweeter portion, But man is not a clod.

The cry of "little peoples" Shall rise to pierce the sky; What people's prayer for right Shall rise, like hollowed incense Before His holy sight, Forgiveness may we suffer, Awhile in pain and strife; Whence we shall rise triumphant, To new and endless life.

We fight for home and home-land, For freedom's holy sod; For honor, virtue, infamy; For justice, and for God; The noble Flanders Lion, With fire-flights in his eyes, Springs forth to certain conquest, And low the bloodhounds lie.

Then hail, the Flanders Lion, Let covert foes beware; For thrones are not unshaken. A nation proud and fair Shall leech its life in splendor, Surviving pain and loss; For Flanders lives forever, And triumphs on the Cross.

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