

A RAMSHACKLE EMPIRE.

Sword Alone Holds in Check Austria-Hungary's Conglomerate Races.

When Mr. Lloyd George called the Austro-Hungarian empire "a ramshackle empire" he spoke true. No one would call the German empire a ramshackle empire nor would even Bernbordi call the British empire a ramshackle empire after the events of the last two months, writes George M. Trevelyan in the London Chronicle. But the Austro-Hungarian empire is held together not by the volition of the immense majority of the inhabitants, but by the sword. It is a creature of the sword. It has now drawn the sword, and, if it is defeated, it will perish by the sword. Peace and a lasting settlement for Europe can be obtained by the dismemberment of Austria-Hungary—provided the members torn away from it are assigned to the right people and treated in the right way (a large proviso!) Whereas peace and a lasting settlement would be prevented by any attempt to dismember the homogeneous German empire (with the exception of the non-German districts of Alsace-Lorraine, Slesvig and Prussian Poland.)

The Austro-Hungarian bear is certainly not yet killed, but is already badly wounded. Russian troops are already in possession of three-quarters of Galicia, all Bukovina, and the Ruthene district of Northeast Hungary. The sooner we all know something about Austro-Hungarian problems, the better. It is a pity that someone has not yet published an ethnological or race map of Austria-Hungary, obtainable at a popular price. The race problem of Austria-Hungary is, perhaps, the principal cause of the present war, and ought to be one of the chief considerations in settling the terms of peace.

Austria.
Eastern provinces (Austria, Tyrol, Salzburg, Styria, part of Carinthia)—German.

Galicia—Poles to west, Ruthenes to east.

Bohemia and Moravia—Czechs and Slovaks.

Bukovina—Ruthene and Roumanian.

Dalmatia, Carniola, parts of Istria and Carinthia—South Slav (Slovene, Croat and Serb.)

Trentino and Trieste—Italian.

Hungary.
Central provinces—Magyar.

Transylvania—Roumanian, with some Magyars and Germans.

Northern provinces—Slovak and some Ruthenes.

Croatia and Slavonia—Croat and Serb (South Slav.)

Beside Hungary and Austria there is Bosnia and Herzegovina administered under the joint rule of German Austrians and Magyar Hungarians. It is an entirely Serb community.

The net outcome statistically gives us 11,000,000 Germans and 10,000,000 Magyars—21,000,000 of the two ruling races—governing 28,000,000 Czechs, Slovaks, Poles, Ruthenes, Roumanians, Italians, Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. Of these nine subject races the Italians and Roumanians are Latin or partially Latin and the other seven are various branches of the great Slav family.

Of these nine subject races only one is really loyal to Austro-Hungarian supremacy, the Poles of Western Galicia, who have been allowed a degree of self-government by the Austrians which contrasts favorably with the treatment of the other races in the dual monarchy and with the treatment accorded to the Poles in Prussia and Russia. The order of preference of the Poles for their three masters is undoubtedly: (1) Austria, (2) Russia, (3) Prussia. If the Czar reunites the three Poland as a result of victorious war the peace of Europe in the future will largely depend on whether or not he grants to reunited Poland a degree of liberty not inferior to that hitherto enjoyed by the Austrian Poles between Cracow and Lemberg. There has also for some time been a struggle between Austrian and Russian political missionaries for the souls of the Ruthenes of Eastern Galicia, whose "Uniate" religion is a cross between the Orthodox and the Roman Catholic faiths. At this moment the Russians have acquired the Ruthenes by the sword. It remains to be seen whether they will win them by kindness, which can be very easily done if they respect their traditions and religion, and very easily not done if they try to "Russify" them by force. If Russia will now at last recognize the religious branches of the Slav family, of which she is head, she has not only a great but a good future before her. All turns on that.

The other great branch of the Slav family in Northern Austria-Hungary comprises the Czechs and Slovaks. They are in a state of only partially suppressed revolt, and would eagerly welcome the Russian armies if they could force their way through Cracow and arrive in Moravia and Bohemia. If the Russian army could winter in Prague it would be in friendly terri-

tory. The Czechs look forward to the revival of the mediaeval kingdom of Bohemia, to which no doubt Moravia and possibly part of North Hungary would be attached. Whether such a scheme would prove feasible and what would happen to the considerable minority of Germans in the borders of Bohemia I do not pretend to decide. But if the Russians win the battle on the Vistula and force their way through Cracow we shall hear plenty about "the Kingdom of Bohemia."

Transylvania is inhabited by Roumanians, of the same race as the inhabitants of free Roumania across the Carpathians to the east. The Roumanians are of partially Latin origin, being to some degree descended from the Roman colonists planted there as a result of Trajan's conquests. In Transylvania they used to say "bouna sera" to me for an evening greeting. They are proud of their Latin origin, of which they make almost too much, exceeding measure, like the modern Greeks, in their regard for a very remote past. They have, for this sentimental reason, more feeling for distant Italy than for Slav, German and Magyar civilizations by which they are surrounded, and with which they have scant sympathy. But, in fact, civilization has not yet gone very far with the Roumanians of Transylvania, a poverty-stricken peasantry oppressed by its Magyar landlords very much as the Irish peasantry were oppressed by the English landlords. To make the parallel more striking, the Magyar oligarchy in Transylvania is Protestant, while the Roumanian peasants are Orthodox. And there is an "Ulster" too, for some districts of Roumania are solid Magyar and others solid German. The Russian troops are already on the northern border of Transylvania, having crossed the Carpathians from Bukovina.

The Russians are said to be using every effort to induce the Roumanians of free Roumania to invade Transylvania and take it. If they would do that the Russian armies in the north would at once get a connecting link with their Serbian allies, and the ring drawing in on Hungary would be complete on three sides. But the kingdom of Roumania habitates, partly from a suspicion of the Russians, who took, and still hold, Bessarabia, where also there are Roumanians; the Roumanian royal family is related to the Hohenzollerns; partly, perhaps, because the Roumanians do not know what Bulgaria and Turkey would do if they sent their armies across the Carpathians. Yet they are sorely tempted to go to the rescue of their blood-brethren in Transylvania. Very likely they will come to no decision until the battle on the Vistula has been brought to an issue.

The death of King Carol will somewhat increase the chance of Roumania invading Transylvania. Whether his successor's proclivities are as pro-German as his own is not known to the present writer, but his successor's influence cannot be as great. For the late king was almost "the father of his country," and his long reign has been coincident with the rise of Roumania from a wretched province, scarcely free from the Turks, to a kingdom of fair prosperity and importance. And the change was largely due to the king who has just died.

South of the Drave and the Danube we find the South Slav race. It is itself divided into three race groups—the Serb, the Croat and the Slovene. They number 11,000,000 in all. They are divided in religion, and indeed the distinction between Serb and Croat is really one of religion and culture more than of race and language: the Croats are mostly Roman Catholics, and the Serbs mostly Orthodox. And there are over 500,000 Serb Mohammedans in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Austrians have tried to play on this religious difference, and under Jesuit influence have pushed the Roman Catholic propaganda at the expense of the Orthodox religion. Their object has been to prevent the Roman Catholics from joining the South Slav movement. But the clumsy brutality of the Magyar rule in Croatia, especially from 1908 onwards, the scandal of the Agram treason trials, and the Dr. Friedjung forgeries have united the Croat, Slovene and Serb races, and made religious differences of little account in the present situation. The greatest enthusiasm now prevails in those provinces. All look to their brother Serbs of Serbia and Montenegro to rescue them from the Austro-Hungarian rule.

Belgrade is in the extreme north of the Serbia of today, but it will be in a sufficiently central position for the capital of the great Serbia of which all these South Slavs dream. If our side wins the great war that dream may be realized next year. It will be the making of a new nation, the expansion of little Serbia into the great South Slav State, like the making of Italy out of little Piedmont. It will be a democratic State, for the Serbs are as democratic and

BAPTISTS CLOSE CONVENTION.

Officers All Re-elected.—To Meet at Greenville.

Charleston, Dec. 12.—Final adjournment of the ninety-fourth annual South Carolina Baptist convention took place last evening at the Citadel Square Baptist church with Greenville selected as the next place of meeting on December 10, 1915. The Rev. R. W. Lide, of Darlington, will preach the convention sermon.

In accordance with a recommendation passed at the morning session yesterday, that in the future the convention meet on the second Friday in December, 1915, and continue in session until Wednesday noon of the following week, and that officers selected at the previous session serve through the next session, all officers of the convention were re-elected last night. In each instance a member of the convention was instructed to cast the vote of the convention for the nominated officer.

Following are those elected: The Rev. Z. T. Cody, D. D., of Greenville, president; Col F. N. K. Bailey, of Greenwood, first vice president; Major T. T. Hyde, of Charleston, second vice president; the Rev. Charles A. Jones, of Bennettsville, secretary; the Rev. Edward S. Reaves, of Bennettsville, assistant secretary; the Rev. W. E. Wilkins, of Greenville, statistical secretary; Mr. C. B. Bobo, of Laurens, treasurer; Mr. Jas. A. Hoyt, of Columbia, auditor.

MANNING'S PRIVATE SECRETARY.

Next Governor Says He Will Appoint Herbert A. Moses.

Sumter, Dec. 10.—The Hon. R. I. Manning announced today that he would appoint Herbert A. Moses, who has been his secretary for a number of years, as his private secretary, upon his inauguration as governor in January. Mr. Miles Wood, who has been Mr. Manning's stenographer for several months, will have the same position in the governor's official family. The appointments are made for purely personal reasons and have no political significance, it was stated.

Mr. Moses is the eldest son of the late Altamont Moses, of this place, who served as a legislator for Sumter county both in the house and senate, where he was considered one of the leading men. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and is considered well fitted for the position, both by his training as a newspaper man and by temperament.

Plain Directions.

A red-faced, awkward young man approached an usher at a church wedding the other day and timorously slipped into his hand a package tied with a red ribbon.

"What's this?" asked the usher suspiciously.

"Oh, that's the present for the bride."

"But you shouldn't bring it here, my friend!"

"Shouldn't?" he replied tempestuously. "That's what this ticket in my invitation says. See here."

The usher's eyes were moist as he read: "Present at the door."—Judge.

equalitarian as the Magyars are oligarchic. It will not be the mere satisfaction of the ambition of Serbia; it will be the liberation of the South Slav race. It may take the form of a federation. It must provide for the complete equality of the Roman Catholic and Orthodox religions, and for the full rights of the Mohammedans, or there will be trouble. The Serbians have not behaved well to Albanians and Bulgarians but they will probably regard their brother Slavs differently. And their brother Slavs being so much more numerous than themselves are not likely to submit to ill-treatment. So I have good hopes for the greater Serbia if our side wins the war. When Serbia has thus advanced to the northwest into the lands to which she has a complete natural right, she could then be asked to compensate Bulgaria in Macedonia, and so settle the vexed Balkan question. The evil heritage of the second Balkan war, that triumph of Austrian diplomacy, will be abolished.

Lastly, there are the Italian districts of Austria. The Alpine region around Trent, where Garibaldi fought his campaign of 1866, should have gone to Italy then, and is hers by every natural right. Trieste also is mainly Italian, and should go to Italy. But it is greatly to be hoped that she does not put up tariff barriers against the Slav Hinterland of Trieste. Trieste, like Salonica, must be a free port to a greater or less extent, or else both the city itself will be ruined and the vast regions to which it now acts as port will also suffer grave economic inconvenience. It is not beyond the wit of man to come to such arrangement, after the break up of the Austrian empire. That event has not yet taken place but it may perhaps be close at hand.

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Bids and samples are hereby requested in accordance with the Dispensary Law now in force for the following goods to be furnished the State of South Carolina for the use of the County Dispensary Board of Bamberg county, South Carolina. Liquors to be shipped in car load lots, except Beer, freight prepaid to Bamberg, S. C., to-wit:

All kinds of corn, rye, gin, wines and brandies, both in bulk and bottled in full 1-2 pints, pints and quarts.

Beers in pints and quarts to be delivered at Bamberg, Denmark, Ehrhardt and Olar, S. C.

Also bids on empty bottles, 1-2 pint, pints and quarts, in dispensary cases, cork and tin foil.

All goods shall be furnished in compliance with and subject to the terms and conditions of the Dispensary law of 1907, and bidders must observe the following rules:

1. All bids must be sealed and there shall be no signature or mark upon the envelope indicating the name of the bidder.

2. All bids must be sent by express or registered letter to Geo. A. Jennings, Treasurer, Bamberg, S. C., on or before Monday, Jan. 11, 1915.

3. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, the board reserving the right to reject any or all bids, or parts of bids.

The Board requires that on all bids submitted the age and proof of all goods shall be stated, and bids shall be in gallons, 1-2 gallons, quarts, pints and 1-2 pints.

Bids will be opened at the office of the County Board, Bamberg, S. C., on Jan 11, 1915.

J. M. Grimes, Chairman.
J. B. Kearsse, W. H. Faust.

Board of Control County Dispensaries, Bamberg County, South Carolina.

TAX NOTICE.

The treasurer's office will be open for the collection of State, county, school and all other taxes from the 15th day of October, 1914 until the 15th day of March, 1915 inclusive.

From the first day of January, 1915, until the 31st day of January, 1915, a penalty of one per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the 1st day of February, 1915, a penalty of 2 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes. From the 1st day of March, 1915, until the 15th day of March, 1915, a penalty of 7 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes.

THE LEVY.

For State purposes 6 mills
For county purposes 4 mills
For bridges 1 mill
For roads 1-2 mill
Constitutional school tax 3 mills

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Binnakers, No. 12 3 mills
Buford's Bridge, No. 7 2 mills
Clear Pond, No. 19 2 mills
Colston, No. 18 4 mills
Denmark, No. 21 6 1-2 mills
Ehrhardt, No. 22 9 mills
Fishpond, No. 5 1 mill
Govan, No. 11 4 mills
Hutto, No. 6 2 mills
Hampton, No. 3 2 mills
Heyward, No. 24 2 mills
Hopewell, No. 1 3 mills
Hunter's Chapel, No. 16 4 mills
Lees, No. 23 4 mills
Midway, No. 2 2 mills
Oak Grove, No. 20 2 mills
Olar, No. 8 9 mills
St. John's, No. 10 2 mills
Salem, No. 9 4 mills
Three Mile, No. 4 2 mills

All persons between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years of age, except Confederate soldiers and sailors, who are exempt at 50 years of age, are liable to a poll tax of one dollar.

Capitation dog tax 50 cents.
All persons who were 21 years of age on or before the 1st day of January, 1914 are liable to a poll tax of one dollar, and all who have not made returns to the Auditor, are requested to do so on or before the 1st of January, 1915.

I will receive the commutation road tax of two (\$2.00) dollars from the 15th day of October, 1914, until the 1st day of March, 1915.

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