



RUSSIA, ALLIED WITH BALKAN POWERS, A MENACE TO GERMANY

Kaiser, Dismayed by Pan-Slav Movement, Through German Chancellor, Asks for Huge War Fund.

Russia occupies to-day the strongest position in all her history. Eight years ago, what with the confusion of her military and naval disasters in the Far East and of her Terrorist revolution at home, her fortunes were at the lowest ebb, and by many it was alleged that the death knell of the Muscovite Empire had been struck. Yet at present she is the dominating power in Europe, as well as in Asia.

RUSSIA'S PERIOD OF PEACE.

Yet Russia has engaged in no war since her disastrous conflict with Japan in Manchuria. As recently as four years ago she was compelled, by a direct threat of war from Berlin and Vienna, to withdraw the support which she had until then accorded to Serbia in the opposition offered by the latter to Austria's annexation of the Ottoman provinces of Herzegovina and Bosnia, which have a large Serb population.

As intimated by Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Ottoman Empire, whose close friendship with Germany amounted almost to an alliance, has virtually disappeared from the face of Europe and its place has been taken by a coalition of Christian powers all bound to Russia by ties of creed and to a great extent of race—powers whose union with Russia is of the closest character.

A CAPTAIN'S INDISCRETION.

That Russia was privy to all the plans of the Balkan allies before they took the remainder of Europe by surprise in embarking upon their crusade against the Crescent has been revealed through the indiscretion of Captain Walter Christmas, of the Danish navy, in giving out for publication in the Danish newspapers some private letters which he had received from King Constantine, written when the latter was still her apparent. In one letter especially, written from Salonica, the then Crown Prince states that a confidential communication by the Balkan powers describing their alliance, their scheme for a campaign against Turkey and their partition of European Turkey was submitted to Russia and approved by the Czar's government as far back as twelve months ago.

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foreign nations. The French people, too, are now called upon to make further sacrifices of a financial character in line with those which the Kaiser and his Chancellor are asking of the German nation. But while they express their readiness to do what is required of them by their government for military purposes, they urge that it would be surely better to tackle Germany now, before she has had time to spend the \$200,000,000 in improving her army.

KAISER SCENTS PERIL.

No small credit must be accorded to the Kaiser for his watchfulness in appreciating the danger threatening Germany through the changed conditions in Russia and in the southwest of Europe and for his boldness and vigor in taking immediate steps to meet it. True, there has been some discussion in the press on both sides of the Atlantic as to the growth of the influence of the Czar of the concert of Europe through the victories of the Balkan allies. But no one, not even in Germany, realized that the matter called for immediate action of a defensive nature by that empire until the Kaiser, after carefully considering the situation with his generals, with his principal statesmen and with his fellow sovereigns of the German Confederation, directed his Chancellor to make an appeal last week in the Reichstag for the huge sum needed to place Teuton defences on such a footing as to safeguard the fatherland against the menace from Russia. Under other circumstances the appeal might have been resisted, the more so as William is rightly credited with having on several occasions indulged in sabre rattling and war scares for no other purpose than to obtain from Parliament the money needed for additions to the army and navy. But in this instance there is very little resistance, save on the part of the Socialists. He has succeeded in convincing all his fellow sovereigns in Germany and their ministers that the danger is real, and not imaginary; and it is owing to this that the people are so readily yielding to the heavy sacrifices demanded of them.

Of course, there are some of his countrymen who are disposed to blame Will-

iam for having permitted Russia to thus attain so dominant a position in Europe, and it is pointed out that if the late Prince Bismarck had been alive and in power in 1906 he undoubtedly would have caused Germany to take advantage of the Czar's troubles with Japan in the Far East, and with the revolutionary risings at home, to inflict as crushing a blow upon Russia as he did upon France in the war of 1870. A successful war at that time by Germany might have had the effect of adding Northern Poland, possessed of such vast industrial wealth, and the German speaking provinces of the Czar to the Kaiser's dominions, Austria finding territorial compensation further south. The result of this would have been to render Russia as harmless, from a German point of view, for a long number of years as was France for the first quarter of a century following the campaign of 1870. But the Kaiser did not avail himself of the opportunity. Less brutal and more chivalrous than Bismarck, he refused to seek any profit from the misfortunes of the Czar, recalling, moreover, the solemn pledge exacted from him by his grandfather, old Emperor William, as his lay father, on his deathbed, never to attack Russia save in defence or under the grossest kind of provocation. For the old Emperor was devoted to his relatives at St. Petersburg. Nicholas I had been his brother-in-law, Alexander II his favorite nephew and Alexander III an equally cherished grandnephew.

Dr. Dillen, one of the foremost writers of Europe upon the affairs of Russia, where he spent the greater part of his life, declares in a dispatch from St. Petersburg that it was the first time in Russian history that the authorities had permitted a national demonstration organized in advance to be held criticizing and condemning the government policy. And he adds: "The authorities have thus contributed to summon from the vast depths of popular passion unruly spirits which they may be unable to control."

A good deal of ignorance prevails with regard to the Pan-Slav movement. It may be said to have first assumed a definite form at Prague, in the Slavonic Congress held there in 1848. Thence it was quickly transferred to Russia, where it found a gifted champion in the person of the great Russian editor, Aksakoff, who found in his Moscow newspaper, "The Russ," a powerful instrument for the furtherance of his views. It was indeed largely due to the remarkable personality of Aksakoff, to his magnetism and to the unreasoning enthusiasm which he was able to communicate to his friends that so many men eminent in political, admin-

istrative and military walks of life were induced to join the movement. On the face of it it is one of purely benevolent and charitable aims. It styles itself, indeed, the Slavonic Benevolent Society, and while most of the clauses of the charter lay stress on the charitable nature of the society the pith is to be found in the opening paragraph, which declares that the society has for its aim "the promotion and development of Slavonic solidarity" and of the "union of foreign Slavs with those of Russia."

What this means will be understood when it is pointed out that the Bohemians are Slavs, that many millions of Emperor Francis Joseph's lieges in Hungary, in Austria, as well as in Herzegovina and Bosnia, are Slavs, that the Poles of Germany, Austria and Russia are Slavs, and that the Servians, the Bulgarians, the Macedonians and the Montenegrins also belong to this particular race.

The real aim and object of the Pan-Slav movement is to effect the political absorption by Russia of all the different Slav nations and races subject to foreign rule. Alexander II endeavored unsuccessfully to check its growth, but was not even able to prevent the society from raising and equipping in 1876 a large body of Russian volunteers, under a retired Russian general, to start the Serbian insurrection against Turkish suzerainty and the Bulgarian rebellion against Ottoman rule, which developed into the war of Russia and Turkey of 1877. Alexander III, who was one of the most intimate friends of Aksakoff, favored the Pan-Slav movement, encouraged its propaganda throughout the Balkan states, and even in the dominions of Emperor Francis Joseph, some of its most active agents being consuls, secretaries of embassy, and even full-fledged envoys in the Russian service. Alexander even went so far as to tolerate the Pan-Slav conspiracy in Bulgaria, which resulted in the kidnapping and abduction of Prince Alexander, the ruler of that country, who had incurred the wrath of the committee because he declined to govern his kingdom according to Pan-Slav ideas.

The Pan-Slav movement, possessed of enormous resources, has made and unmade ministers of the crown at St. Petersburg, and, judging from the apprehensions voiced in the Berlin Reichstag by the German Chancellor last week and from the resolutions passed by the great Pan-Slav meeting at St. Petersburg on Sunday last, the society seems bent upon shattering all the efforts of the great powers to maintain peace and to launch Russia and the Balkan allies into a war against Austria and Germany, into which France assuredly would be drawn, and probably also England, Italy, and finally the smaller powers, such as Rumania, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland.

There has been a great revival of Pan-Slavism of late. Indeed, on Sunday last an extraordinary popular demonstration of the Pan-Slavists took place at St. Petersburg, at which thousands of representative men of all classes—generals, officers, members of the Duma and of the

ATLANTIC CITY

The Boardwalk Gives Evidence That Spring Has Surely Come.

Atlantic City, April 12.—What a wonderful old boardwalk it is, with its constantly passing throngs! And what a marvellous patient and ancient sea! No wonder human beings from everywhere come down to its spray dashed edge for ease and comfort and for succor from worries and sorrows.

The kaleidoscopic boardwalk parades are colorful these merry springtime days of 1913, and a greatly travelled Rip Van Winkle recently awakened and set down upon the thronged walk might imagine himself in the Eastern countries, for Balkan states—in the hues and modes of midday's wear and in the hues and shades of colors with which she has bedecked herself. It is a merry, a sprightly and a warmth producing springtime here by the tumbling billows.

New York visitors at Atlantic City include:

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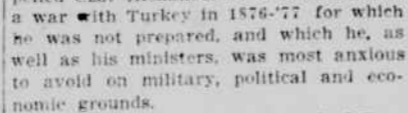
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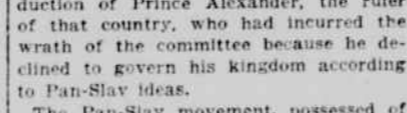
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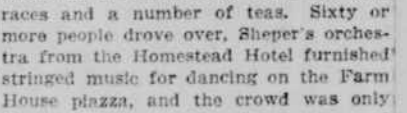
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