

by a broad Magyar-German patch; while the westernmost Czechs became hemmed in on three sides by the Germans. But while blocked and suffering losses in the west the Slav strain kept on gaining in Eastern Europe and then in Asia, so that the total territory they occupied towards the beginning of the present century was greater than that covered by them ever before in their history.

With the territorial changes and new contacts, however, and in the course of the centuries, some far-reaching internal developments took place in the Slav world. Originally, according to all indications, they were but one great strain of people of the same blood. They had the same language, the same habits, and the same naturalistic religion, with Peruni, the "Great Thunderer," as its chief deity. They also had throughout the same family a clean organization, on cherished democratic foundations, but apparently without possessing ever a single central government that would embrace the whole or even large groups of the population. As time advanced, however, and with increasing territorial distances, dialects appeared, and the clans or groups of clans began to form separate streams or bodies, which progressed according to circumstances and in instances by outside intervention, to political and geographic units, more or less independent of each other, the eventual Slav nations and countries. Under the influence of non-Slavonic peoples the dialects of these units grew gradually further apart, detrimental differences in faith were introduced from without, and the groups followed in large measure their separate destinies, at times even contending with each other; but there was never lost a strong basic feeling of common parentage and mutual sympathy, a feeling which in the recent epoch, and among the more cultured groups become largely responsible for the so-called Pan-Slavism, the great bugbear before the war of the guilty conscience of both Germany and Austria-Hungary.

The groups which have arisen from the original Slav leaven were, and are, as follows:

Slavs	
Main Groups	Secondary Groups
The Russians Northern and Eastern	(Bielo (White) Russians. Velko (Great) Russians. Malo (Little) Russians or Ukrinians, with Cervenno (Red) Russians or Ruthenians, the Carpathian tribes or Gorali, and the Ugro-Russians. Cossacks (particularly those of the Don).
	(Pomeranian, Polabian (Elbe) Tribes—extinct. Poles of the Kashubs, Mazurs, or Kingdom of Masovia, Galician (Poles proper) nearly extinct. Lusatians, Sorbes or Vends—nearly extinct. Cecho-Slovaks. Slavs of Pannonia, Dacia, Rumania—extinct or small remnants.
Western and Central	(Slovenes. Slavonians Croatinus Serbo-Dalmatians Jugo-Croats Bosnians and Herzegovinians Serbians and Montenegrins Macedonians (majority) Bulgars (with part of Macedonians). (Slavs of Albania, Epirus, Thessaly, etc.—extinct or small remnants).

Numbers

As to the actual numbers of Slavs in Europe and the inseparable Asiatic provinces of Russia, our figures are not as precise or uniformly up-to-date as desirable. In Austria-Hungary, in particular, the German and Magyar governments have, as well known, for decades now made it impossible to obtain anything like a just census of the Slavic population. Nevertheless, there are sufficient data and knowledge of conditions to enable us to arrive at close approximations, which, with a numerical strength of other European groups, are given in the following columns.

Slavs Contrasted with Other Population in Europe

(In round numbers and regardless of Political Boundaries).

Slavs in Europe	145-150 millions or 34.5 per cent
Northern (and Eastern) Russians (all subdivisions). Europe (besides which in Siberia)....	102 10
Western (and Central) Poles.....	20
Czecho-Slovaks.....	10
Lusitanians and other remnants negligible.	
Southern—Jugo-Slavs and related Macedonians	11
Bulgars and related Macedonians....	5
Nordic Anglo-Saxon, German—	144-148 millions, or 34. per cent.

Scandinavians, Danes.....	12
Dutch, Flemish.....	10
English, Scotch.....	44
Germans, German Austro-Hungarians.....	80
French, Latin, Mediterranean	123-127 millions, or 29 per cent
French, Belgian (Walloon).....	46
Spanish, Portuguese.....	26
Italians.....	37
Roumanians.....	11
Greeks.....	5

Others 10-12 millions, or 3 per cent. Albanians, Basques, Caucasians, Gipsies, Gipsies, Kelts, Turks, etc..... 11

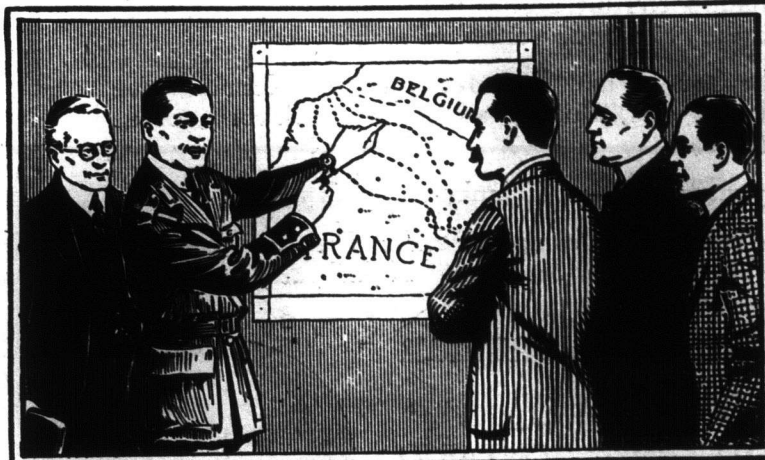
*Based on the Russian and Finnish statistical annuals up to 1915; on the Austrian census of 1910 and Czech corrections of same, and on latest censuses of the rest of the Slavonic countries, with

estimates up-to-date, based on the known mean annual accretion of each group. With some assistance from Almanack of Gotha and latest editions of Statesman's year book.

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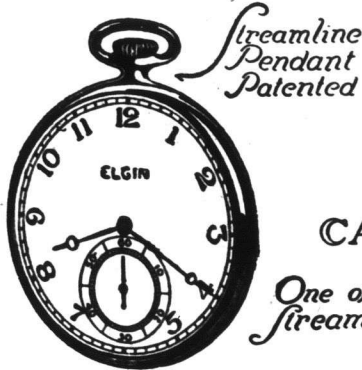
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