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THE BALKANS

The massing of German and Austrian armies along the northern bank of the Danube indicates that the Teutonic campaign for the relief and reinforcement of Turkey is about to begin. For some time the Austrians have had a quarter of a million men or more on the Serbian frontier, and now it is reported that 200,000 Germans have been gathered near the point on the river at which the frontiers of Serbia, Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria almost meet. A march of less than thirty miles across Serbia in this district, and the occupation of a narrow strip of Serbian territory, would give the Germans access to Bulgaria, and if the Bulgars were benevolent neutrals or a little more, the relief of the Turks by the forwarding of large quantities of war munitions would be comparatively easy. In that event the great struggle of the Allies for possession of the Gallipoli Peninsula and the opening of the Dardanelles might prove fruitless, even if successful, for the Germans, with unlimited supplies and all the artillery they could use, would be able to make the Bosphorus impregnable. The fleet of the Allies might pound the public buildings of Constantinople to pieces, but could not force an entrance to the Black Sea in the face of half a million well-equipped men holding both sides of the Bosphorus.

The small Balkan powers, Greece, Serbia and Bulgaria are all desirous of seeing the Turk ejected from Europe. So long as he remains there is danger that he will seek to win back not only what he lost in the Balkan war of 1912, but the overlordship of all the Balkan lands which he exercised for centuries. Roumania naturally

sympathizes with the idea of expelling the Turk, and her people, therefore, must lean toward the Allies, whose avowed object is the destruction of the Turkish power in Europe. The real trouble is that dynastic influences are pulling one way and popular sympathy another. Were Premier Venizelos absolute master in Greece there is no doubt at all that a Greek army would soon be on the march to Constantinople. But the Queen of Greece is the sister of the Emperor of Germany, and has more than once declared that she will leave the kingdom, never to return, if the Greeks weaken Germany by attacking Turkey. In Bulgaria Czar Ferdinand is strongly pro-Austrian, his whole personal fortune being invested in Austrian securities and enterprises. The King of Roumania is a Hohenzollern, and looks to Kaiser William as the head of the family.

These dynastic entanglements are being used to the utmost by the Teutonic diplomats. To the palace intrigues are added threats as to what will happen if the Roumanians and Bulgars refuse passage of war supplies. Russia, they are told, can no longer help them to resist the violation of their neutrality, nor can she punish them for indirectly aiding the Teutonic cause. A final decision cannot long be delayed. The invasion of Serbia may begin within a week, and the Bulgars must make up their minds before the Germanic armies reach their frontiers as to whether they will resist or aid the march of the Teutons to Constantinople. — Toronto Globe.

An Oklahoma inventor's nut cracker is formed like a human head, the jaws doing the work.

**RETAINING WALL ENDANGERING BUILDING**

A letter from Mr. D. H. Hays to the city engineer was read at the council Tuesday night, pointing out that the pressure from a retaining wall at the corner of 2nd St. and 2nd Ave. endangered his building there. The board of works have agreed to attend to the matter, the cost to be charged to the bylaw covering that street grading.

HUNTING SIDE-LIGHTS

It is a debatable point amongst certain local Nimrods as to whether shooting floating "pop" bottles is better sport than looking for deer which aren't there.

Local hunters scoured the country last weekend after deer and geese, some going even as far as the Prince Rupert cannery wharf.

It is dangerous to take a dog hunting, at least for the dog. One faithful canine came to grief on Monday.

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Among those who arrived with the Prince George contingent which is going to join the 67th Battalion in Victoria is Jack Wilson, the 16 year old son of P. E. Wilson, city solicitor of Prince George. The Prince George News has the following to say of him:

Going with the grizzled old veterans of the Yukon, the prairies and, in fact, nearly every part of two continents, Jack Wilson, the 16 year old son of P. E. Wilson, city solicitor, and formerly county judge at Cranbrook, will leave tonight with the Prince George company of the 67th Battalion. Most of the Western Scots are pioneers and old timers of the west, but Jack has been an inhabitant of the globe for only a little over sixteen years. He wanted to go earlier, too, but any careless Teutons get in his way, should the Western Scots get that near them, they will think he went early enough. Jack is a student in his father's law office and, like the genial P. E., a lacrosse player. He is undoubtedly one of the youngest of all who have offered their services to the Empire in this war, and probably the youngest from British Columbia.

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