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A recent letter in The Daily News from the Ukrainian residents of Prince Rupert brings to mind the fact that these people at one time constituted one of the largest nations of Europe. In many respects the Ukrainians are like the Jews. They are a nation without a country, but among all their 36,000,000 people the national sentiment is as strong as ever. Although they do not support the Pan-Slav movement they are a branch of that race but differing in many important characteristics. About 28,000,000 of them are in Russia and only 3,500,000 in Austria-Hungary. In Canada there are about 300,000 of them, many having become British subjects. None of them will go back to fight in the war for they consider Austria their enemy as well as Russia. Those residing in Prince Rupert have done well to state their position. It also might

be a good time to declare for British citizenship.

The German cruisers are reported to be eager for a fight with the Rainbow. Recent wires would indicate that they are coming north with that in view. Most people will hope that they get their wishes. The Rainbow has heavier guns and should be able to make quick work of them. At any rate the submarines should render considerable assistance and the German cruisers would have the time of their life if they come north.

If, however, these German ships are of the same temper as the rest of their navy seems to be the chances are that they will seek cover and show the white feather. "The Day," to which they have been drinking for so long, they seem to be very anxious to defer. It would appear, at any rate that they realize it would be useless to face the British fleet at present.

## THE STARTING POINT OF THE PRESENT WAR

There must be many citizens in this outpost of the Empire at the present time anxious to know the real starting point of the war and a few observations made from a letter received from a war correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, Vienna, may be found interesting.

Vienna July 12.—I was recently on my way to Rome from Athens and travelled up to Santa Quanta with M. Zograpos and his collaborator M. Harapanos, with both of whom I had long conversations regarding the present state of the Austrian and Servian situation, and received a remarkable commentary on the feelings called forth in Austria-Hungary against Serbia by the Sarajevo outrage, from a source closely connected with the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, Count Berchtold. My informant's statement is as follows: In order to understand the feelings which have excited the public of Austria-Hungary by the Sarajevo murders, the evils to which this country has already been subjected at the hands of the small neighbor in the south-east must be taken into account.

Servia for the past ten years has directed its policy to wresting such regions as are inhabited by the Serbs from Austria-Hungary and even hoped to secure the entire southern Slavonic territory now incorporated with the monarchy. The thought alone that the neighboring state entertains such projects destroys all confidence with finality absolutely preventing the enjoyment of the full measure of peace and quiet.

Conspiracy and assassination are the principal weapons of the Servian State and the Servian Press never ceases to recommend to the people of its country means which would not find the approval of Europe.

It is not only Austria-Hungary which feels the effect of these unscrupulous anarchical methods. Europe learned with horror of the assassination of King Alexander and his wife some years ago. We then came to the attempted assassination of King Nicholas, the father-in-law of the present king of Servia which is the next event in the bloody chapter of Servian history. The outcome of which may shake the strongholds of Europe, Great Britain and her far flung Dominion over sea.

In alluding to these countries it is advisable in order to follow passing events to study the map of Europe. The unscrupulous Serb does not even spare the dead in his political fight. Servian fanatics plundered the tomb of Prince Alexander Karegeorgevitch during the Christmas festival in 1911, and carried away his skull from the Vienna Church yard

where he was buried, throwing it on a rubbish heap outside an adjacent factory. It is of the utmost importance not only for the monarchy, but for all Europe, that Servia should be reminded of her duties of neighborly correctness.

The Zeit reports that the Austrian Ambassador in Belgrade has sent his family to Semlin in consequence of the alarming reports that several members of the German Embassy in Belgrade have left for Semlin.

It is reported that the Serbs intend to revenge themselves on the Austrians and Hungarians in Belgrade for the attacks made upon Serbs in Bosnia.

T. W. SHEFFIELD,  
Canadian Section,  
Daily Telegraph.

## FASTEST GERMAN GUNBOAT REPORTED BOTTLED UP

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