++++++++++++++ "AUSTRIANS." By the declaration of war against

Austria-Hungary a million and a half unnaturalized subjects of the Hapsburg autocracy in this country become, technically at least, alien enemies. In common usage all these people

are labelled "Austrians," which is merely a gloss over a confusion of tongues and races the like of which

is not to be found in any other country, not even in any other country, not even our own. The Hapsburg empire is a sort of partnership between German Austria and Magyar Hungary dominating a mixture of races, most of them unwilling slaves, oppressed and harried by ruthless measures of denationalization-Czech's, Slavs, Serbs, Croats,

Slovenes, Slovaks, Poles, etc. It is an amazing ethnological compound ruled by a minority of Germans and Magyars, and now, as the president pointed out in his message of December 4, all subject to the grim domina-Not even the map or population figures will straighten out this tangle, German Austria has 26,000,000 people, but only 9,000,000 of them are Ger

tion of Prussia.

man (there is, of course no "Aus-

trian" race or tongue). Magyar Hungary has 20,000:000 people, but only ple: but Germans and other races are mingled there. Galicia is Austrian Poland, with 7,569,000 people, but here, too, Grmans and other races are intermixed. So it is with the 2,509,000 people, of Croatia and the 2,000,000 people of Serbian Bosula. So it is with the smaller sundvisions of the Hapsburg tyranny like listria and Dalmatia. In the Triest region thousands of Italians are Austrian slaves.

9,000,000 of them are Magyars. Bohemia is Czech, with 6,500,000 peo-

Millions of these peoples, carelessly lumpell under the title "Austrians." are about as much Austrians as the Belgians are German, and love Austria-Hungary and the Hapsburg about as much as the Belgians love Ger-

many and the Hohenzollerns.

Though it should not work in the

slightest degree to lessen vigilance against alien enemies, these facts should be remebered in our dealings with our "Austrian" neighbors.