

Triple Entente 400,000 Men Stronger in Armed Forces Than Austria and Allies; Each Musters Over 8,000,000

Should the clash between Austria and Serbia result in the sweeping of a general war through Europe, for the first time since the alliances were formed, the Triple Entente (Great Britain, France, and Russia) and the Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria, and Italy) will be lined up against each other in a giant struggle.

Spain, Sweden, Denmark, Switzerland, and Norway will remain neutral it is believed. Belgium and Holland probably would be forced into the conflict and the former would no doubt throw her fortunes with the Triple Entente.

On the Balkan peninsula, Greece undoubtedly would join hands with her former ally, Serbia, while Bulgaria, stung by the defeats she has suffered, would turn against Serbia. Roumania, it is said, would surely be opposed to Bulgaria in the struggle, and it is

COMPARATIVE WAR STRENGTH.

Table comparing war strength of Triple Alliance (Germany, Austria, Italy) and Triple Entente (Great Britain, France, Russia). Columns include Nation, Army, Navy, and various types of ships like Superdreadnoughts, Dreadnoughts, etc.

Petersburg as an indirect challenge to Russia. The Bourne Gazette declares that Russia is not for a moment to tolerate an attack on Serbia or on Serbian independence. The newspaper adds that Russia, while not wanting war, will not permit an armed intervention to protect the Slav from German fury.

George H. Shibley Sees No Other Preventive of European Conflagration. A general strike for manhood suffrage by the German people is the only means of preventing a bloody war, which may involve entire Europe, in the opinion of George H. Shibley, director of the American Bureau of Political Research, of this city.

War May Have Effect On Irish Home Rule. LONDON, July 26.—War, which might prove a great calamity to her interests, is not looked upon with enthusiasm by England. As far as opinion can be gathered amid the paralysis which overcomes all British political activities on Sunday, sentiment here tends toward Austria.

Italy Regards Serbia As Hotbed of Intrigue. ROME, July 26.—Government newspapers carry inspired articles denouncing Austria in her peremptory demands upon Serbia for satisfaction. These papers hint at black intrigues engineered in Belgrade against the peace of Europe.

Breeding of Flies Stopped by Borax. Borax is the newly discovered preventive for the deadly typhoid fly. Specialists in the Department of Agriculture today announced that ordinary borax, sprinkled daily on manure, will effectively prevent the breeding of the insects. Similarly, the same substance applied to garbage, refuse, damp floors, and crevices in stables, cellars, or markets will prevent the breeding of the pest.

Russia Orders Her Army To Be Mobilized at Once. ST. PETERSBURG, July 26.—The mobilization of the Russian army will proceed immediately.

Believe Stranger Slain. READING, Pa., July 26.—The dead body of a well dressed stranger which was found on the mountain side near here by berry pickers had not been identified up to noon today. Foul play is suspected.

not believed that Turkey would hold aloof.

According to the latest figures on war strength of the powers, the Triple Entente will be able to muster nearly 400,000 more men than the Triple Alliance, the figures showing the Triple Entente to have 8,972,615 men to put into the field, while the Triple Alliance has 8,603,150. The figures given, however, are not much more than estimates in some instances, notably in the cases of Russia and Italy.

The relative strength of the two groups is shown in the following table:

Table showing the relative strength of the Triple Entente and the Triple Alliance. Columns include Russia, France, Great Britain, and the Triple Entente total, compared to the Triple Alliance total.

Nations At Odds For Last Century

Austria and Serbia Have Clashed on Many Occasions. Causes That Have Brought on Crisis Have Been Foreshadowed for Years—Riots Last Winter Aroused Students to Action.

While Austria's ultimatum to Serbia primarily resulted from the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand and his consort and followed the confession of Nedeljko Gabrinovic, who threw the bomb on June 28, the ill feeling between the two nations extends back many, many years. A century ago part of the Serbian race was under Turkish domination and part under the Hapsburgs.

As a consequence of ill feeling engendered through this circumstance for so many years it is not surprising that the situation grew acute when Gabrinovic said in his confession that there had been formed in Belgrade a conspiracy with Gabrio Prinzip, who fired the fatal shots, and four others inimicable to Austria to murder the archduke. One of the conspirators, a student, has been apprehended, but the other three are at large.

While the fact of their freedom has tended to enrage the Austrians, the ultimatum, it is said, is an attempt on the part of the Hapsburg monarchy to crush the Pan-Serbian union, the aim of which is to unite the entire Serbian race. As an added thorn in Austria's political flesh the secretary of that organization is Major Milan Pribitchevitch, at one time an officer in the Austrian army. According to Gabrinovic's confession, he and his accomplices appealed to the major and thereby obtained from the Serbian arsenal at Kraguyevatz bombs and revolvers.

THE BALKAN QUESTION.

Ethically an linguistically Bosnia, where the archduke and his consort, were slain, and Herzegovina, where she was shot, are not Serbia, but are a matter of fact, only a minority of Serbians live. When Serbia proper rose against Turkey in 1905 the people of these two provinces did the same. When two years later, the congress of Berlin settled the Balkan question Bosnia and Herzegovina, instead of receiving their freedom, were given to Austria, though nominally they were still under Turkish suzerainty.

Austria spent large sums of money on public improvements in the two countries. Consequently, when the Turkish constitutional revolution in 1908 made necessary a parliament, representing all parts of the Turkish empire including Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria annexed those two countries and gave as an excuse that the expenditures for improvements gave to her a property interest in the territory. Backed by Russia, Serbia protested vehemently to the annexation. Thereupon Germany came to the assistance of Austria, and that led at once to the withdrawal of the opposition and the countries came to Austria.

Following her success in the acquisition Austria became ambitious and looked toward the ultimate annexation of the Balkans. However, Serbian and Turkish territory was in the way. Then came the first Balkan war. The brilliant winter campaign of the Serbian troops caused the fall of Western Macedonia and thence they went with even more spectacular fighting through Albania to the Adriatic.

Austria and Serbia would not necessarily mean immediate war. President Poincare and Premier Viviani will not, according to the present plans, shorten their Scandinavian visit. At 3:30 p. m., the cabinet was still sitting and up to that time it had not been decided to mobilize the French army. It is believed there will be proposed, a joint mediation scheme with England and France and a war between Austria and Serbia may thus be averted.

German Ships Mobilize Off Norwegian Coast

BERGEN, Norway, July 26.—All the divisions of the German fleet have been ordered to assemble at prearranged places on the Norwegian coast. The German Emperor, accompanied by one of the high naval officers, on board the fastest destroyer in the navy, left here last night for Berlin.



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CAPITAL OFFICIALS WATCH WAR CLOUDS

General Dispatches Received at State Department—Navy Officers on Qui Vive.

Intense interest was displayed in official circles in Washington today in the sudden flame of threatened war that flashed up so unexpectedly in the ever-dangerous Balkan states and which may sweep the map of Europe. Official confirmation of the ultimatum sent by Austria was not to be had here, for the embassy of Austria-Hungary has been removed to its summer home at Manchester-by-the-Sea, N. H. The Russian embassy, also, is now domiciled at Newport and Serbia has no representative in the American capital.

It is declared that whatever dispatches may come to the representatives of the St. Petersburg and Vienna governments will be diverted to the summer embassies. Only one official attaché of the Austrian embassy remains in Washington, in the person of Commander Maximilian Burstin, the naval aide. All the Russian envoys, from the ambassador down, have fled to the New England coast to escape the heat of the Washington summer.

Several dispatches were received at the State Department today, but in the absence of Secretary Bryan their contents were guarded. It is understood, however, that word of the gravity of the situation has reached this Government and instructions will be issued to United States representatives abroad to report fully on developments. The United States, naturally, will take no part in the discord that has marred the harmony of the European concert of powers. This Government has no interest in the impending conflict, other than humanitarian, and has no territory to protect in the zone of possible action.

There is little likelihood, too, that President Wilson would listen to any suggestions that his administration interfere in the situation to the extent of proferring intermediation. If peace parlays are undertaken by the United States they would follow the solicitation of the several powers involved. High naval officers were gathered at

CLEARY'S DAUGHTER TO HELP DEFENSE

Says Parent Tried to Do Best for Her When He Killed Her Young Husband.

NEW YORK, July 26.—Mrs. Ann Cleary Newman, the eighteen-year-old bride whose young husband was shot to death by her father, said today that she would stand by her father. "I still cannot believe that my father has killed Gene," she said. "But I know that if he did he thought he was doing the best he could for me. "Our love was a mistake, it seems Dad decided so, and he knows best. "As yet I have not heard what Gene said to dad. Perhaps when I know I shall understand. "Dad loved me, and the thought that any one could malign me probably drove him crazy."

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