

Servia's Reason:

Servia is a Greek-Catholic nation, and in its neighboring country, Austria-Hungary, there are millions of its co-religious and racial brethren. Servia has long awaited the day when the Austrian Empire would be dissolved by internal dissension. It is ambitious of establishing an empire in South-eastern Europe, and hopes to annex a large portion of what is now Austria-Hungary, thus attaining the ancient greatness and glory of their race. Servia resented Austria's demands as unbecoming her independence and standing, and it is barely possible that King Peter was, in this instance, a father rather than an exponent of justice.

Russia's Reason:

Russia has deemed itself the protector of all Greek-Catholic races. The bond of brotherhood has given silent sanction to the intrigues in the Balkan States against Austria-Hungary. Russia would be secretly pleased at the dissolution of the Austrian Empire and the consequent rise of a new power, the Servian-Balkan Empire, in South-eastern Europe, adjoining Russia. The western half of Europe, from the frozen Arctic to the Mediterranean Sea, would then be held by cousins in race, brothers in religion, and brothers in semi-civilization—the Russians and Servians—both ambitious of eventually conquering the balance of Europe and even the world. Upon the declaration of war by Austria against Servia, mighty Russia stepped in to protect her ally against Austria and immediately ordered the mobilization of her army.

Germany's Reason:

Germany is the ally of Austria-Hungary by the Triple Alliance. Its hatred against Russia has been of long standing, and its diplomats have noted Russia's ambition to advance its own interests through Austria-Hungary. Its hatred of France, too, is deep and of long standing. Accordingly, when war was imminent between Austria-Hungary and Russia, Germany's sympathies were with the former.

Czar Nicholas communicated with Kaiser Wilhelm, asking him to use his good offices to establish peace between himself and Austria. While messages were being interchanged between Russia and Germany, the startling news reached the Kaiser's ears that Nicholas was mobilizing his vast army of 5,500,000 troops. The German ambassador waited upon the Russian Minister of War, demanding the cessation of mobilization. This request was refused. Three times the German ambassador