

Fürstenberg wisely refrained from officially presenting the note.

Austria's behaviour caused a complete change in Rumania's policy, as indicated by the visit of Prince Ferdinand—now King—of Rumania to Petrograd, and the even more significant visit which the Tsar afterwards paid to the late King Carol at Constantza. However, when the war broke out, finding herself between two countries which had both, on different occasions, failed to prove their pretended friendship, Rumania could not reasonably have been expected to let sentiment influence her policy.

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Under any circumstances these considerations alone would have carried weight. There are, however, others germane to the present situation: of these may be enumerated three, indicated inversely to their importance.

1. There is no doubt that any government would have hesitated before asking the late King Carol to go to war against his native country, especially as it was known that his days were numbered. This consideration no longer exists, but it was certainly of initial importance.

2. Since the Peace of Bucearest of 1913 relations between Rumania and Bulgaria had been somewhat strained, and Rumania naturally opened negotiations in order to satisfy and to secure herself as to the intentions of her southern neighbour. These negotiations yielded, it seems, no result. Bulgaria declared her intention to remain neutral, which, however, did not mean very much. Nevertheless it is probable that Bulgaria's attitude would not in itself have restrained Rumania. On the one hand Bulgaria could not yet have made good, even partially,