

## PART X

# THE GERMAN WHITE BOOK

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## CHAPTER I

### GERMANY'S REASONS FOR WAR WITH RUSSIA

### HOW RUSSIA AND HER RULER BETRAYED GERMANY'S CONFIDENCE AND THEREBY MADE THE EUROPEAN WAR

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On June 28<sup>th</sup>, the Austro-Hungarian successor to the throne, Arch-Duke Franz Ferdinand, and his wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, were assassinated by a member of a band of Servian conspirators. The investigation of the crime through the Austro-Hungarian authorities has yielded the fact that the conspiracy against the life of the Arch-Duke and successor to the throne was prepared and abetted in Belgrade with the cooperation of Servian officials, and executed with arms from the Servian State arsenal. This crime must have opened the eyes of the entire civilized world, not only in regard to the aims of the Servian policies directed against the conservation and integrity of the Austro-Hungarian monarchy, but also concerning the criminal means which the pan-Serb propaganda in Servia had no hesitation in employing for the achievement of these aims.

The goal of these policies was the gradual revolutionizing and final separation of the south-easterly