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TEXT OF TRIPLE ALLIANCE TREATY

Austria Publishes Articles of Agreement—Italy Warned Vienna Against War Policy—Germany Promised Austria Aid Against Serbia.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—The text of four articles of the secret Triple Alliance which for thirty years was in force between Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy, is disclosed in a Red Book issued last week by the Austro-Hungarian ministry of foreign affairs through the embassy here. The Red Book deals with the negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Italy which led up to Italy's denunciation of the Triple Alliance and her declaration of war on Austria-Hungary. It is made up for the most part of letters and telegrams exchanged between the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Office and the embassy in Rome, with a few communications from German diplomats. Some of these communications charge Italy with having attempted to blackmail Austria-Hungary.

The Red Book discloses the fact that before the outbreak of the war Italy told Austria her course was likely to precipitate a European conflagration, and also that Austria, before taking the decisive step against Serbia, had received assurances from Germany of her support in case Russia entered the war.

The articles from the Triple Alliance are made public primarily with reference to Austria's contention that Italy was not entitled to the territorial compensation on which she insisted in return for Austria's invasion of Serbia, and surely not to "a slice of our own flesh," as this portion of Austria demanded by Italy was characterized.

What Austria Ignored.

The text of the article follows: "Austria-Hungary and Italy, being desirous solely that the territorial status quo in the Near East be maintained as much as possible, pledged themselves to exert their influence to prevent all territorial modification which may prove detrimental to one or the other of the powers signatory to this treaty. To that end they shall communicate to one another all such information as may be suitable for their mutual enlightenment, concerning their own dispositions as well as those of other powers. Should, however, the status quo in the regions of the Balkans or of the Turkish coasts and islands in the Adriatic and Aegean Seas in the course of events become impossible; and should Austria-Hungary or Italy be placed under the necessity, either by the action of a third power or otherwise, to modify that status quo by a temporary or permanent occupation on their part, such occupation shall take place only after a previous agreement has been made between the two powers, based on the principle of reciprocal compensation for all advantages, territorial or otherwise, which neither of them may obtain beyond the present status quo, a compensation which shall satisfy the legitimate interests and aspirations of both parties."

Italy's Original Neutrality.

In reference to Italy's declaration of neutrality early in the war, and her contention that, under the Triple Alliance, she was not obligated to assist Austria and Germany, the following extracts from the treaty are given out:

Article 3: "If one or two of the high contracting parties should be attacked without direct provocation on their part and be engaged in war with two or several great powers not signatory to this treaty, the cause of the attack shall apply simultaneously to all the high contracting parties."

Article 1: "The high contracting parties mutually promise peace and friendship, and shall not enter into any alliance or engagement directed against any of their respective states."

"They bid themselves to proceed to negotiations on such political and economic questions of a general nature as may arise, and, moreover, promise their mutual support within the scope of their own interests."

Article 4: "In the event that a great power, not signatory to this treaty should menace the safety of the states of one of the high contracting parties, and that the menaced party should be forced to make war on that party, the two others bind themselves to observe toward their ally a benevolent neutrality. Each one of them in that case reserves to herself the right to participate in the war, if she should consider it appropriate to make common cause with her ally."

Austria Forced In!

On July 20, 1914, eight days before Austria declared war on Serbia,

Count Berchtold, then Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, telegraphed to Kajetan Mery von Kapos-Mere, then Austro-Hungarian ambassador at Rome, that the evidence in relation to the assassination of the Austrian Crown Prince, Francis Ferdinand, "as well as the constant subversive Serbian agitations carried on for many years past, are likely to compel us to assume a serious attitude in Belgrade." He said Italy should be informed that, should peaceful means fail, the Vienna Cabinet "would not think of inaugurating a war of conquest or of acquiring any Serbian territory."

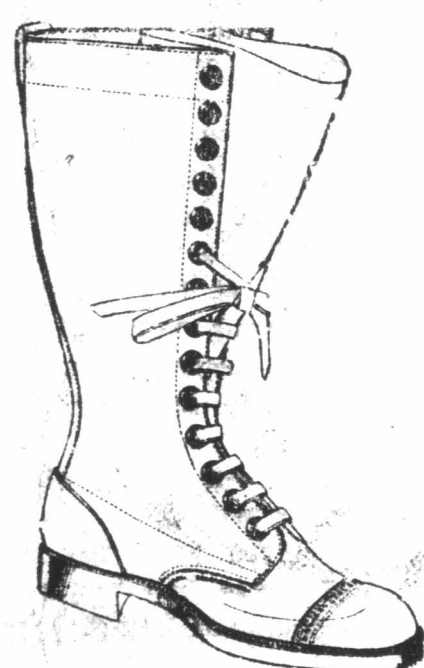
The Austrian Ambassador telegraphed to Count von Berchtold on July 29 that the Italian position fully confirmed his impression that Italy "does not even shrink from attempts at blackmail."

Austria informed Italy on August 2 that the "unjustified Russian mobilization against us and Germany" constituted ample justification for applying the terms of the alliance. Italy in reply pointed out the perils and sacrifices to which war might expose her, and added: "This enormous difference between the perils and sacrifices on the one hand and the advantages on the other is, in fact, the very reason why Austria-Hungary desired a war which she could easily have avoided, where we did all in our power to save Europe from this fearful misfortune."

On August 12 Count von Berchtold telegraphed that Austria had intended to localize the conflict with Serbia and that Germany had supported her in that effort, adding: "We had, it is true, received the assurance from Germany that she would stand by our side if Russia should intervene. Our action against Serbia, however, was not aimed at provoking Russia."

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Germans Hold Body of Edith Cavell

LONDON, Nov. 1st.—The British Foreign Office last evening made public the report of the Rev. H. S. T. Gahan, the British chaplain in Brussels, who visited Miss Edith Cavell just before her execution, and a letter from Brand Whitlock, the American Minister to Belgium, to Walter Hines Page, the American Ambassador in London. In his letter Mr. Whitlock says he requested that the body of Miss Cavell be delivered to the School of Nurses, of which she was the directress, his request being referred to the Ministry of War in Berlin.

Nurse Perfectly Calm.

The Rev. Mr. Gahan in his report says: "On Monday evening, October 11, I was admitted by a special passport from the German authorities to the prison at St. Giles, where Miss Edith Cavell had been confined for ten weeks. The final sentence had been given early that afternoon."

"To my astonishment and relief I found my friend perfectly calm and resigned, but this could not lessen the tenderness and intensity of feeling on either part during that last interview of almost an hour."

"No Fear of Shrinking."

"Her first words to me were upon a matter concerning herself personally, but the solemn statement which accompanied them was made expressly in the light of God and eternity. She then added that she wished all her friends to know that she willingly gave her life for her country, and said 'I have no fear or shrinking. I have seen death so often that it is not strange or fearful to me.'"

"She further said: 'I thank God for this ten weeks of quiet before the end. My life has always been hurried and full of difficulties; this time the rest has been a great mercy. They have all been very kind to me here. But this I would say: Standing as in view of God and eternity, I realize that patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone.'"

"We partook of the Holy Communion together, and she received the gospel message of consolation with all her heart. At the close of the little service, I began to repeat the words, 'Abide with me,' and she joined softly in the end."

"We sat quietly talking until it was time for me to go. She gave me parting message for relatives and friends. She spoke of her soul's needs at the moment, and she received the assurance of God's words as only a Christian can do."

We Shall Meet Again.

"Then I said good-bye, and she smiled and said, 'We shall meet again.'"

"A German military chaplain was with her at the end, and afterwards gave her a Christian burial. He told me: "

Germans Hold Body.

Mr. Whitlock in enclosing the letter he wrote to Baron von der Lancken, the German Governor, with the request that Miss Cavell's body be delivered to the School for Nurses, of which she was directress, says:

"I have not received a written reply to my note to Baron Lancken on the subject, but he came to me yesterday afternoon and stated that the body had been interred near the prison in St. Giles, where the execution took place, and that under the regulations governing such cases it was impossible to exhumate the body without written permission from the Minister of War at Berlin."

"He added that he had no authority to ask for permission to exhumate the body, but that immediately upon the return of the Governor-General he would request him to take the matter up."

"I shall hope to be able to tell you that we have at least been able to accomplish this small service."

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