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(Continued from page 1.) Monastir, the Greeks won at Yenidze-Vardar and occupied Saloniki; the Bul-gars were victorious at Kirk-Küllisse and Lule Brugas, their armies investing and Lule Brugas, their armies investing Adrianople and approaching the Chatalja lines, the last landmark defence of Constantinople. Turkey was beaten, and it had all happened so suddenly that the Great Powers had not had time to interfere. Expecting Turkish victory and a repetition of the events of the Greco-Turkish war of 1897, they had been confounded by the complete and apparent permanent destruction of Turkish rule in Europe, save in Constantinople.

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It now remained for the victors to divide the spoils on the basis of their early agreements. But now the fatal influence of Austrian intrigue was felt. Bulgaria and Serbia had agreed upon a division of Macedonia which gave Uskub to Serbia and Monastir to Bulgaria. But they had also agreed that Northern Albania should fall to the Serbs. Austria now, at the conference of London, called by the Great Powers to settle the Balkan question with regard to the interests of the Great Powers, not the actual victors, vetoed the proposed expansion of Serbia to the seacoast; vetoed the acquisition of a window on the Adriatic, which is now represented in Mr. Wilson's demand for direct access for Serbia to the sea.

To avoid a general European war the great powers accepted Austria's view, and the free state of Albania was created—one of the most preposterous creations of history. Serbia was shut off from the seacoast. But when this had happened the Serbs demanded from their Bulgar allies compensations elsewhere, particularly as the Bulgars were demanding Serb aid to reduce Adrianople. From Bulgaria, Serbia demanded all of Macedonia west of the Vardar and north of the line occupied by the Greeks, and at the same time made an agreement with the Greeks by which in rearn for Greek aid in the Vardar Valley, they agreed to support the Greek claim to Saloniki. Bulgaria, under Austrian impulsion, resisted all these proposals. She insisted upon having Monastir, which the Greek claim to Saloniki. Bulgaria, under Austrian impulsion, resisted all these proposals. She insisted upon having Monastir, which the Greeks had captured and held. The result was the second Balkan war, in 1913. In this war Bulgaria was promptly beaten by the Serbs and te Greeks, Rumania entered the war and seized the Silistrian strip between the Danube and the Black Sea. Turkey reoccupied Adrianople, which had at last fallen to Serbo-Bulgar armie

and Greece drove Bulgar armiles out of all Macedonia.

Territory Taken Back.

By the treaty of Bucharest, which confirmed the Bulgar defeat, the Bulgarlan conquests of 1912 were practically all taken away, and in addition Bulgaria lost to Rumania the Silistrian strip, which had been hers before the first Balkan war. After two wars and terrible sacrifices, the Bulgarians found themselves but little better off in territory, and still lacking direct access to the free seas over their own territory. In this situation Bulgarian hatred of Serb, Greek and Rumanian knew no bounds, and Bulgaria threw herself into the arms of Austria and Germany without hesitation. Henceforth the Bulgaris merely waited their chance to strike back and abolish the wrangs of the treaty of Bucharest.

In 1914, when the world war broke out, Bulgaria remained quiet at the beginning, because there was no great usefulness for her friends in any other course. From the outset of the war the Allies sought to enlist Bulgaria. They saw that unless Bulgaria, were enlisted there would be a direct access to Turkey for the central powers across Rumania and Bulgaria, and if Serbia was crushed, across Serbia and Bulgaria.

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