

FERDINAND ASSASSINATED

Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary, was brutally murdered yesterday in Sarajevo.

Ferdinand and his wife, Sophie von Chotkovato were in an open-topped car, on their way to visit victims of an earlier assassination attempt. Their driver took a wrong turning, and as he attempted to reverse, Gavrilo Princip, a member of the Serbian terrorist group 'The Black Hand', jumped onto the car. Two shots were fired, fatally injuring Ferdinand and his wife. The couple were taken to hospital but died later from their injuries. Princip then turned the gun on himself although

Seven would be assassins

he was restrained by several people. It appears that the assassination plan was well researched as seven members of the gang were lining the route. In the earlier assassination attempt, Nedjelko Cabrinovic threw a bomb at Ferdinands' car which the Archduke deflected, injuring several onlookers.



Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie von Chotkovato.



The open-topped car in which Ferdinand and his wife were travelling in, minutes before they

Tension mounts

Tension mounts in Europe as fears that Austria-Hungary will declare war on Serbia. In a recent statement Russia said that if Austria-Hungary declare war on Serbia, then they support will Serbia and declare war on Austria-Hungary. If this happens, Britain and France will be left with a difficult choice. Tension has been

Triple Entente vs Triple Alliance

mounting for some time now. As members of The Triple Entente, they can either support their ally, Russia, and go to war or let our ally down and leave them to face the enemy on their own. Russia has been modernising its army and will be a formidable enemy. We could find ourselves at war against Austria-Hungary, Italy and Germany, members of The Triple Alliance. Germany has been increasing its army and navy over the last five years and has also wants an empire as powerful and wealthy as the British. The consequences of war could be devastating in the loss of lives of civilians and troops, merchant and naval ships and could bankrupt the country financially. British intelligence has uncovered a secret invasion plan created by the Germans for an attack upon France.

Arms Race

Every major power in Europe has prepared for war. They have guns and bombs and ammunition stockpiled. Huge armies of conscripts have been trained and can be mobilised at a moments notice. Our navy has been considered to be the most powerful in the world but Germany is rapidly constructing warships. She soon have the largest navy as well as the biggest army in Europe.

We must prepare for war

Why is Germany building a large navy when it can invade countries in mainland Europe without one? Are we their main target? Britain only has a small professional army which would be easily overcome should the Germans manage to land their troops on British soil. We don't want go to war, but every man must be prepared to do his duty.



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