



Der Erzherzog verlässt, von seiner Gemahlin Herzogin von Hohenberg begleitet, das Rathaus und besteigt das Automobil des Grafen Harrach. (Nach einer Photographie)

Short-Term WWI Timeline

Fashoda Crisis

- FRA vs. UK in E. Africa
- 1898 – Battle of Omdurman → British win
- Delcasse handles FRA foreign affairs and moves closer to UK and further from GER



First Moroccan Crisis (1905)

- French ignore GER rights to “open door” Morocco
- GER responds by treating Morocco as an independent nation & waiting for a compensation from FRA
- KWII stops in Tangier (Mar.) touting free trade, Moroccan independence, and threatened to defend GER interests there
- June – Delcasse dismissed after GER powerplay
- Jan. – Apr. 1906 – Conference @ Algeciras → FRA big winner, GER humiliated



In the Navy!

- 1904 – Fisher & UK Dreadnought
- 1906 – Tirpitz & GER Dreadnought
- 1909 – Churchill – 6, 4, 8! and a good thing, too
- 1915 – 25 to 20 adv. in warships for UK

Photo # NH 61019 HMS Dreadnought (battleship, 1906) underway in harbor



Bosnian Crisis (1908-09)

- RUS/A-H entente lasts from 1897-1908
- RUS loses Russo-Japanese War (1905)
- 1906 – Aerenthal (A-H) and Izvolsky (RUS) become Foreign Ministers → Aerenthal wants to annex B&H
- 1908 – Young Turks (pro-UK) want to regain Balkans
- Aerenthal and Izvolsky both want them too
- Sept. '08 – Buchlau – AUS gets B&H, BUL indep. From Ottomans, AUS would accept RUS claims to Straits → Iz gives up too much & Aer doesn't tell him that he's going to announce annexations or BUL indep. → Entente doesn't help Iz

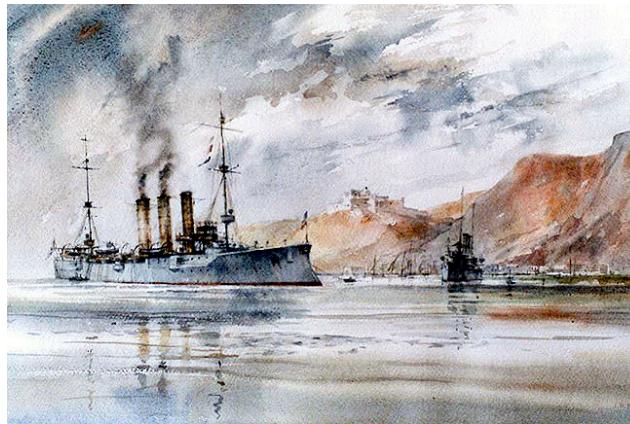


- Jan. '09 – von Moltke prepares for war vs. RUS
- Mar. - AUS agrees to pay Turks
- Aer tries to suppress Serbia w/ annexation → Serbs refuse
- Eventually, RUS gives in b/c of threat of war w/ AUS & makes SRB give itself up
- Great GER victory for Bulow & Kaiser
- “From here, the road led to Sarajevo...”

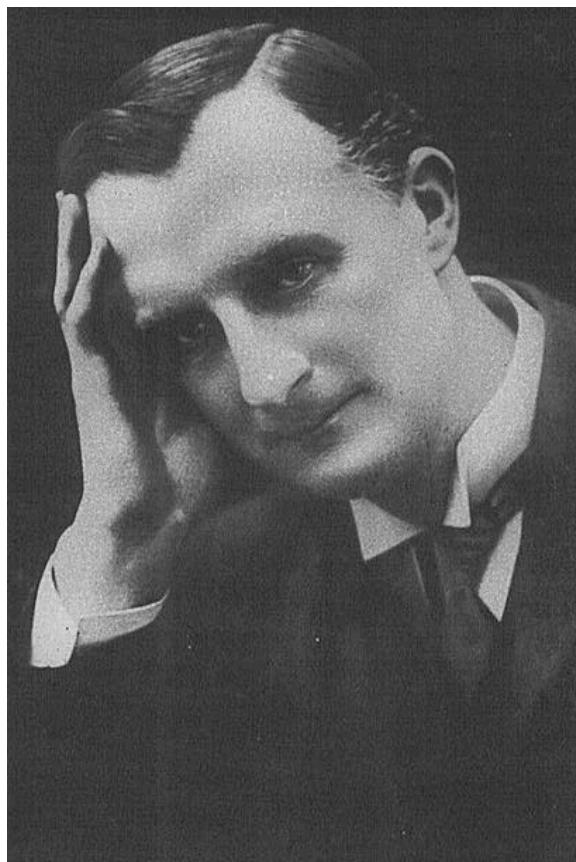


2nd Moroccan Crisis (1911)

- France really wants Morocco
- GER wants to reverse Algeciras (1906)
- 1909 destruction of “Bulow Bloc” against Socs → Bethmann-Hollweg new Chancellor
- Kiderlen wants to use French ambition in Morocco to his advantage in Africa
- **July 1, 1911 – *Panther* anchors off Agadir**
- FRA unsure, UK bogged down in politics, but eventually adopts hard-line under Grey



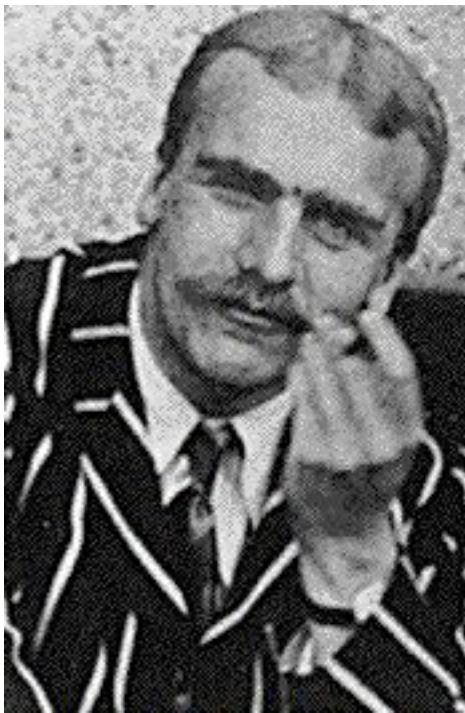
- British response stronger than anticipated and Kiderlen *trapped*
- Grey negotiates peace
- UK Gen. Henry Wilson (pro-FRA) prepares the military for continental engagement (1 Soldier!)



Grey

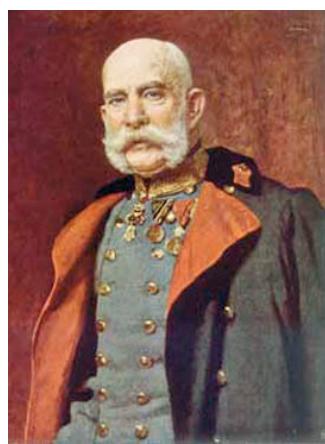
Haldane's Mission

- 1912 – Bethmann's plan to fund the army over the navy fails
- Haldane (in place of Grey & Churchill) and Bethmann talk about Anglo-German partnership
- Morley – “Idiots” if we do this



1st Balkan War

- 1911 – Italians invade Libya & take it from Turks
- Russia afraid of ambitious Balkan states and AUS →
- Got SRB and BUL into alliance (tough); later GRE & MON (Balkan League)
- 10/8/1912 – MON declared war on Turkey; allies follow
- AUS Foreign Minister Berchtold – Indep. Albania & no access to Adriatic for SRB → MON takes ALB → RUS supports SRB → AUS builds up forces in B&H
- AUS Emperor Franz Josef said peace, but MON pressed on → A&H fear loss of prestige and place ultimatum of war on MON & SRB, which they accept & 1st Balkan War ends



Balkan League

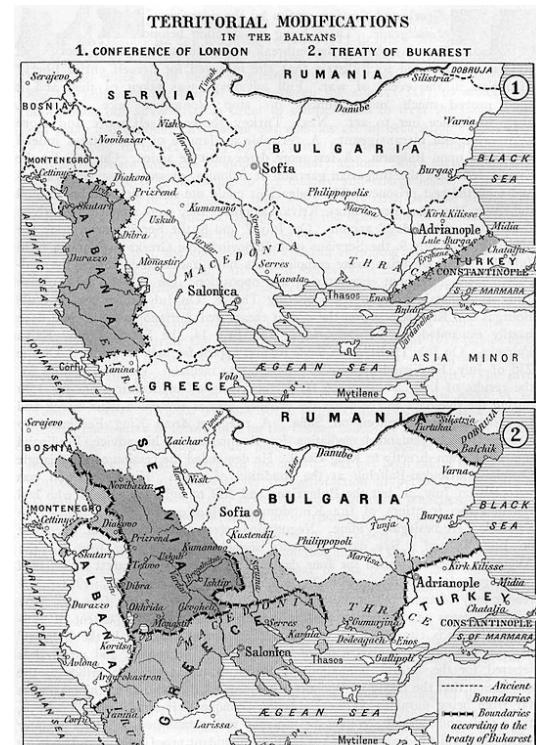
The Balkan peninsula, 1912-1913

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2nd Balkan War

- 1913 – SRB seized Macedonia; snub BUL →
- BUL attacks SRB & GRE → fail + ROM took some land to boot! → Peace of Bucharest hurts BUL & AUS, helps Turks, ROM, GRE, SRB
- SRB & MON nearly encircled AUS' Balkan interests + no GER support



Final Crisis

- 1913 – FRA passes 3 Years Law for mil. service
- Dec. 1912 – Moltke thinks war is inevitable, but comes to nothing.
- June 1914 – GER still trying to woo UK
- 6/28/1914 – Assassination in Sarajevo; war DOES NOT start immediately



- AUS needs GER support for war against SRB
- 6/30 Ambassador Tschirschky & Kaiser disagree on SRB
- 7/5 Kaiser ready to go; “I shall not chicken out this time”
- “Blank Check” to AUS → “excitement and encouragement to war”
- 7/7-19 HUN PM Tisza firmly against war until GER + fear of ROM brought them on board w/ AUS
- 7/16 Grey gives up on GER
- 7/23 Ultimatum to SRB; everyone goes on vacation → SRB accepts 9/10 demands and KWII drops the ball on response
- 7/24 Sazonov (RUS) fears SRB decision will hurt Pan-Slavism → Nicholas II mobilizes against AUS →
- 7/28 AUS views the SRB response as rejection and declared war
- GER tells RUS mobilization against AUS means war → WAR!



- 7/29 UK waits to say anything until after declaration
- 7/31 GER mobilizes
- 8/1 GER declares war on RUS after ultimatum ignored (Grey still talking w/ GER ambassador)
- 8/2 Asquith's Six Principles outlined; GER invades neutral LUX → Law's Conservative message
- 8/3 GER violation of neutral BEL → UK all in

