

NOTES 2/8/17

## M Militanism

- Tend to regard military efficiency as the ideal of the state over all other interests
- Glorification of military
- Bismarck believes conflict will be settled through war, not conference

### Defense Expenditure

Year 1870

millions pounds 94

1914  
398

Waaah!

That's a lot  
of money

### Troops

Germany

1.3

France

735,000

Russia

400,000

5.0m  
4.0m  
1.2m

Waaah!  
That's  
a lot of  
troops!!

### Naval Supremacy

- German Fleet Act(s) (1898) (Review)
  - 1st in Europe
  - 1910 2nd to Britain

#### ↳ "Dreadnought" Race

- HMS Dreadnought (1906-1923)

- Admiral reforms the navy as we know it

↳ Jackie Fisher

- Alfred Tirpitz - Risk of war

↳ German response to dreadnought

	Naval Strength, August 1914	
	German	Britain
Dreadnaughts		
Battle		
Cruisers		
Destroyers		

## The Plans: Schlieffen and XVII (17)

Arms Race: why don't they just stop?

- German Fleet Acts
- GB feels threatened, turns toward one time rivals
- 1902, Entente cordiale (GB/FR)
- 1907, Anglo-Russian (GB/RUS)

Germany fears surrounding forces

Balkans - the fuse of WWI

- Bismarck predicted in 1898

Germany wants the Ottoman Empire to collapse so they can take resources

Militarism

Alliances

Nationalism

Imperialism

Assassination

Competition

Maniac

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## Balkans Continued

- Pan-Slav



- "All" = disagrees w/ the idea of nationalism

- Ferdinand  $\rightarrow$  annex <sup>Austria/Hungary</sup> <sub>Bosnia</sub>

- 1908 Crisis

- July 1908, Young Turks in Constantinople

- Serbia threatens to come to aid of Bosnia, Germany invade you if you interfere in annexation

- Austria/Hungary annexes anyway

- 1912-13 Wars

- Ottoman Empire trying to hang on

- 1<sup>st</sup> war - Lasted from October to December

- Started ARMISTICE

- 2<sup>nd</sup> war - Young Turks rise up again

- January  $\rightarrow$  May

- Ends Ottoman hold on anything in Europe

- "The Spark" - Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand

- Heir to the Austrian/Hungarian thrown, they don't like his wife

- Travelling to Sarajevo to smooth things out between him and Bosnia.

- It's also his anniversary "

## "The Spark" continued

### The Black Hand Society

- Serbian, Slavic (Pan-Slavism)

6/28/1914 - assassinated by members of the Black Hand

Intermission

HS BP - Due Feb. 24

↳ go to the college career center website for instructions

↳ visit the center w/ Questions

- throws a grenade into the car, fails to explode in the car
- Ferdinand continues on (Explodes in 3rd car)
- assassin who throws the grenade, tries to poison himself, it doesn't work, tries to drown in the river too shallow.
- Gavrillo is eating sandwich in a deli on the cars path
- Shoots Ferdinand
- Gavrillo tries to shoot himself, doesn't work, tries cyanide, doesn't work; arrested

### END RESULT

Austria is upset throne

↳ Heir to the throne is killed

↳ Blame Serbian government

↳ Sends ultimatum: we want to be involved in the investigation

7/5/1914 - Austria is assured by Germany of support against Serbia

7/23/1914 - Ultimatum sent to Serbia  
two demands are rejected

7/28/1914 - Austria declares war on Serbia  
Serbia appeals to Russia

7/30/1914 - Russia mobilizes  
Germany mobilizes  
against Russia

8/1/1914 - Germany declares war  
on Russia  
France mobilizes

The sentence that caused the war

↳ Serbian response to the  
Ultimatum 7/25/1914

↳ see Steen's slide for full quote

8/3/1914 - France declares war  
on Germany

8/4/1914 - Britain declares war  
on Germany

By early August 1914, Europe is  
preparing for a massive war  
All over the Balkans.

~~What are Britain's reasons?~~

- Germany plans to invade France through ~~over~~ Belgium and Holland
- Belgrade is bombed
- Schlieffen Plan → Schlieffen ~~Plan~~  
is not in power by the time they use it (von Moltke)  
Was not implemented how it was original intended
- Sent troops East, met resistance in Belgium

## Notes 2/10

### Mobilization

- 7/31 →
  - Russia begins full mobilization
  - French leaders demand France mobilizes
- German command panics
- 8/1 → Germany declares war

### [Treaty of London (1839)]

- between GB, Aus, Fra, Prussia, Russia, and Belgium
- The real reason for danger → honor.
- Everyone blames someone else

The alliance system was a mess

- ↳ Some had expired, new alliances
- ↳ If you keep the alliances a secret  
it is not a true deterrent for conflict