## DECLARES AUSTRIA SEVERED ALLIANCE

Italy Declares Defi to Serbia Without Consulting Ally Violated the Treaty.

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WASHINGTON, May 26 .- Italy has addressed to the neutral governments of the world a lengthy communication explaining its reasons for declaring war on Austria. Count di Cellere, the Italian ambassador, presented the document to Secretary Bryan today in the form of a note to the United States government.

Reviews Parreys. It reviews negatiations between Italy and Austria, revealing that they began immediately upon the dispatch of Austria's ultimatum to Serbia. Italy claimed then that the action of Austria disturbed the equilibrium of the Balkans and the peace of Europe in a way that vitally affected Italian interests. As an ally of Austria, Italy asserts the right to have been consulted before sending of the ultimatum, the first news of which was received through the newspapers.

Failing to obtain through diplomacy the satisfaction of its territorial and na tional aspirations, Italy announces that a declaration of war was the only means of safeguarding its position in Europe. Text of Note.

The text of the note, as translated and issued by the Italian embassy, follows: The Triple Alliance was essentially defensive and designed solely to preserve the status que or, in other words, the equilibrium in Europe. That these were its only objects and purposes is established by the letter and spirit of the treaty as well as by the intentions clearly described and set forth in official acts of the ministers who created the alliance and confirmed and renewed it in the

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But Austria-Hungary severed the treaty by its own hands. It relected the response of Serbis, which gave to it all the satisfaction it could legitimately claim. It refused to listen to the condillatory proposals presented by Italy, in conjunction with other powers, in the effort to spare Europe from a vast conflict certain to drench the continent with blood and to reduce it to ruin beyond the conception of human imagination and finally it provoked that conflict.

Article of the treaty embodied the usual and necessary obligations of such pacts—the piedge to exchange views upon any political and other questions of a general nature that might arise. Pursuant to life terms, none of the contracting parties had the right to undertake, without a previous agreement, eny step the consequence of which might impose a duty upon the other aignatories arising out of the alliance, or which would in any way whatsoever encroach upon their vital interests. This article was violated by Austria-Hungary when it sent to Perbia its note dated July 23, 1914, an action taken without the previous assent of Italy.

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press rather than through the usual channels of diplomacy, when Austria-Hungary took this unprecedented course it not only severed its alliance with Italy, but committed an act inimical to Italian interests.

The Italian government had obtained trustworthy information that the complete program laid down by Austria-liungary with reference to the Balkans was prompted by a desire to decrease italy's economical and political influence in that section, and tended directly and indirectly to the subserviance of Serbia to Austria-Hungary, the political and territorial isolation of Montenegro, and tended directly and indirectly to the subserviance of Serbia to Austria-Hungary, the political and territorial isolation of Montenegro, and the isolation and political decadence of Roumania.

This attempted diminution of the influence been brought about by the Austro-Hungarian program, even though Austria-Hungary bad no intention of making for their territorial acquisitions. Further more, attention should be called to the fact that the Austro-Hungarian government had assumed the solemn obligation of prior consultation of fixly as required by the special provisions of article VII of the tracty of the triple alliance, which, in addition to the obligation of profer consultation of fixly as required by the special provisions of article VII of the tracty of the triple alliance, which, in addition to the obligation of profer consultation of fixly as required by the special provisions of article VII of the tracty of the triple alliance, which, in addition to the other contracting parties in case one should occupy temporarily or permanently any section of the balkans.

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To this end the Italian approached the Austro-Hungarian government immediately upon inauguration of Austro-Hungarian hostilities against Serbia and succeeded in attaining reluctant acquiesence in the Italian representations. Conversations were initiated immediately after July 25 for the purpose of giving a new lease of life to the treaty which had been violated and thereby annulled by the act of Austra-Hungary.

This object could be attained only by the conclusion of new agreements. The conversations were renewed with additional propositions as the basis in December, 1914. The Italian ambassador at Vienna at that time was given instructions to inform Count Berchtold, the Austro-Hungarian minister for foreign affairs, that the Italian government concequently to concrete negotiations with the Austro-Hungarian government concequently to concrete negotiations with the Austro-Hungarian government concerning the complex situation arising out of the conflict which that government had provoked.

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which the agreement should be based should relate to territories at the time under the dominion of Austria-Hungary. The discussion continued for months, from the first days of December to March, and it was not until the end of March that Baron Burian olfered a zone of territory comprised within a line extending from the existing boundary of Italy to a point north of the city of Trent. In exchange for this proposed cession, the Austro-Hungarian governdemanded a number of pledges, including among them an assurance of entire liberty of action in the Balkans.

Note should be made of the fact that the cession of the territory around Trent was not intended to be immediately effective, as we demanded, but was to be made only upon the termination of the European war. We replied that the offer was not acceptable, and then presented the minimum concessions which could meet, in part, our national aspirations and strengthen in an equitable manner our strategic position in the Adriatic.

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Opposed Other Demands.

While admitting the possibility of recognizing some of our interests in Avalone and granting the above mentioned territorial cession in the Tretino, the Austro-Hungarian government persisted in its opposition to all our other demands, especially those regarding the boundary of the isongo, Trieste and the islands.

The attitude assumed by Austria-Hungary from the beginning of December until the end of April made it evident that it was attempting to temporize without coming to a conclusion. Under such circumstances Italy was confronted by the danger of losing forever the opportunity of realizing its aspirations based upon tradition, nationality, and its desire for a safe position in the Adriatio, while other contingencies in the European conflict menaced its principal interests in other seas.

interest of peace which always has inspired Italian policy.

The treaty, as long as its intents and purposes had been loyally interpreted and regarded and as long as it had not been used as a pretext for aggression against others, greatly contributed to the elimination and settlement of causes of conflict, and for many years assured to Europe the inestimable benefits of peace.

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Grievances Recalled.

It would not be out of place to observe that the alliance having terminated and there existing no longer any reason for the Italian people to be bound by it, though they had loyally stood by it for so many years because of their desire for peace, there naturally revived in the public mind the grievances against Austria-Hunzary which for so many years had been voluntarily repressed.

While the treaty of alliance contained no formal agreement for the use of the Italian language or the maintenance of Italian tradition and Italian civilization in the Italian provinces of Austria, nevertheless if the alliance was to be effective in preserving peace and harmony was clear that Austria-Hungary, as our ally, should have taken into account the moral obligation of respecting what constituted some of the vital interests of Italy.

Policy of Austria.

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Instead the constant policy of the Austro-Hungarian government was to destroy Italian nationality and Italian civilization all along the coast of the Adriatio, A brief statement of the facts and of the tendencies well known to all will suffice; substitution of officials of the Italian race by officials of other nationalities; artificial immigration of hundreds of families of a different nationality; replacement of Italian by other laborers; exclusion from Trieste by the decrees of Prince Hohenlohe of employes, who were subjects of Italy; denationalization of the judicial administration; refusal of Austria to permit an istration: refusal of Austria to permit an Italian in Trieste, which formed the subject of diplomatic negotiations; denationalization of navigation companies; encouragement of other nationalities to the detriment of the Italian and finally the methodical and unjustifiable expulsion of Italians in ever increasing numbers.

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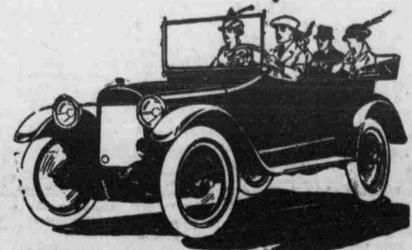
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