

# ROMANIA ONE OF THE PROBLEMS OF PEACE CONFERENCE

### Western Powers Divided On The Sort of Consideration She Should Have

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING CHANGES OF THE PAST

### Nothing Stable in Near East Except Ambition of Each of Various Nationalities To Achieve An Imperial Destiny; Simonds Says Rumania Will Have To Be Reckoned With

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New York, Aug. 16.—The arrival of Rumanian troops in Buda Pest has produced one more of those kaleidoscopic changes in Southeastern Europe of which there have been so many in the years that separate the first Balkan war from the latest incidents along the Danube.

Before discussing this new development it is perhaps instructive to review for a moment the several shifts which have taken place in seven years. In the summer of 1912 Germany, Austria and Italy were, as they have been for almost a generation, united in that association which, under the title of the Triple Alliance, had dominated continental affairs from the morrow of the Congress of Berlin.

To this alliance Rumania was bound by treaty, and with it Turkey was associated by something approximating an informal engagement. Already, however, an Italian attack upon Turkey, the ally of Italy's German and Austrian allies, had provoked bitterness in Berlin and Vienna, and was, in fact, the first step in the general dissolution of the alliances.

Thus in 1912 we have the Tripolitan war between Italy and Turkey. Toward the close of the same year, while the Tripolitan war was being liquidated by the treaty of Lusanne, Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece, hereditary enemies since the coming of the Slavs to the Balkan peninsula, joined hands and crushed Turkey.

A few months later, early in 1913, Rumania, whose last war had been fought with Turkey in support of Bulgaria, joins hands with the Greeks and the Serbians and with the Turk in depriving the Bulgars of most of their conquests in the first Balkan war. Thus the Greeks and Serbs in a few short months found themselves the allies first of the Bulgarians against the Turks, and then the associates of the Turks against the Bulgarians, while Rumania, the ally of Germany and Austria, sent her armies against Bulgaria, which was both a secret ally of Austria Hungary and had an Austrian sovereign.

Then two years later, Bulgaria, in alliance with Turkey as well as Austria and Germany, assailed Serbia, and the Greeks of King Constantine, while officially neutral, surrendered to the Turks the province and the fortress won by the king in the war of 1913 to enable the Bulgarians to complete the destruction of Serbia.

In the fall of the next year Rumania followed the example of Italy and joined the Western Allies in an attack upon Austria Hungary with a consequent war with Bulgaria. In this conflict Rumania, betrayed by Russia, was swiftly crushed, Bucharest was occupied by Hungarian, Bulgarian and German troops, and a year later by the second Treaty of Bucharest, Rumania had to surrender not only the territory she had taken from Bulgaria in the first treaty, that of 1913, but also her entire seat of government in the Dobruja.

Invades Hungary.  
Less than a year later, when Italian troops had crushed the Austrians in the north and the Salonika army had overthrown Bulgarian, Austrian and Turkish troops in the south, Rumania entered the war, took from the Bulgarians the territory seized by them and again invaded, and this time held vast regions of Hungary.

In the brief span of seven years then we have seen the Bulgarians the allies of the Greeks and the Serbs and the enemies of the Turks in one war, the opponents of the Greeks, the Serbs and the Turks in a second; the allies of the Turks, with Greece as a silent partner in an attack upon Serbia in a third; the allies of the Turks and the opponents of the Rumanians, the Serbs and the Greeks in a fourth; and at this present hour Sofia despatches forecast a new Bulgarian attack upon Serbia and Greece.

In this same time, Rumania, starting as an ally of the Germans and the Austrians, has attacked Bulgaria in conjunction with the Serbs, the Greeks and the Turks, has attacked Austria Hungary and been attacked by the Bulgarians, the Turks and the Germans; as an ally of Russia and in a war of liberation, has invaded and occupied a great province belonging to her recent Russian ally, and now at last appears in Buda Pest, returning the visit of the Hungarian troops to Bucharest less than three years ago.

Hopeless Confusion in the Near East.  
One could indefinitely multiply these circumstances which thus revealed the utter, and to the Western mind, the hopeless confusion in the Near East. The Rumanian episodes of recent days is only one more of a series which extends backward into the night of time to that hour when Rome was no longer able to hold the Danube frontier and the latter time when the Byzantine Empire succumbed to the double attack from the north and from the south. In that period the Byzantine Greeks, and Serbs, the Bulgars, the Turks, the Rumanians and the Hungarians have in turn dominated all or much of that narrow land which extends from Buda Pest to the Golden Horn. Each in turn has aspired to great empire, possessed immense power for a brief period, and then yielded place to an ambitious neighbor.

And underlying all else in this Balkan and Hungarian complications is the consciousness in the minds of each of the many nationalities that it was once a great nation and the belief that it has an imperial destiny.  
The Greek turns backward to the



Outside black line shows the frontiers of Hungary in 1914. Shaded portion shows what will remain if Rumanians, Jugo Slavs and Czecho-Slovaks realize their aspirations. The Jugo Slavs and the Rumanian claims conflict in the Banat, where their sectors, as shown in this map, meet. A S S

...prepared to abandon the Peace Conference, to fall back upon their own resources, which are not inconsiderable, and vindicate their title to the lands which are for them what the French lost provinces were to France, and Italian Irredentas were to Italy. They were prepared to send their armies into the Banat against the Serbians and to Buda Pest against the Magyars, whether the Paris Conference wished it or not.

Now what has happened is simple. In my last article I pointed out how the Paris Conference, lacking the troops, had been obliged to renounce a military expedition against Bela Kun, with a consequent loss of authority and emphasized how illustrative this incident was of the whole world situation.

Within a few days there was, then, an important change. The allies had no force sufficient to dispose of Bela Kun, against whom they continued to issue proclamations as they had been doing ever since the outbreak of the Hungarian revolution. But Rumania had armies. She had claims to enforce against Hungary, and when the allies had neither the troops nor the will to intervene in Hungary, Rumanian troops were not in motion.

A Change of Front.  
We had then the ridiculous change of circumstances which must go far to explaining to the world the ultimate weakness of the present authority of the Paris Conference. One day the allies demanded that Bela Kun should quit. The next day Bela Kun was ousted not because of allied proclamation, but because Rumanian armies were approaching Buda Pest, and the next day, on Hungary's appeal, the allies were ordering the Rumanians to refrain from entering the Hungarian capital, and twenty-four hours later were demanding that the Rumanians leave the city they had occupied.

What Rumanian occupation of Buda Pest really means must be clear. Rumania does not arrive as the mandatory of the Western powers. She arrives as the contestant with Hungary over a thousand years for the possession of certain provinces until yesterday Hungary's, with the memory of recent Hungarian outrages in Rumanian territory and the age-long record of Magyar oppression against Rumanian peoples in Hungarian capital into the bargain. Who is going to oust her? Who is going to prevent her from fixing those frontiers which correspond with her view of her just right, but have been challenged by the map-makers of Paris? Who is going to prevent Rumanian soldiers from exacting some little compensation from the Hungarian people for the destruction and the extortion of Hungarian troops in Rumania?

Yesterday the Peace Conference was trying to get rid of a Bolshevik leader in Hungary as a preliminary to recognizing Hungarians and all their neighbors. But today the Bolshevik regime has fallen, not to proclamation but to

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port her Eastern claims, in their differences in the matter of the Hungarian frontier, in their frank rupture in the case of the Banat, ultimate evidence of the necessity of acting for herself.  
Her pathway is clear. She is now a nation of 16,000,000, occupying an area greater than Italy, with a potential wealth incomparably superior. Against the Jugo Slavs, who contest her claims in the Banat, she has the proffered assistance of the Italians, who are at odds with the Jugo Slavs along the Adriatic. Against the Bulgarians, who still cling to their rights in the Dobruja, which would deprive Rumania of her single seaport, she has the assured support of the Greeks, who contest with the Bulgars the possession of Thrace. Moreover, like Italy, she can set her face again towards a German alliance because she can bring strength sufficient to ensure a forgetting of recent events.  
The Paris Conference may now demand that the Rumanians submit to its decrees and surrender territories Rumania holds its own, but nobody who knows the temper of the government and the people of Rumania now believes this demand will be honored. It may accept under protest the Rumanian frontiers fixed by Rumania herself, but in either case it finds itself brought squarely face to face with a new condition. To imagine that French, British or American troops could be sent to the Danube to drive Rumania out of the Banat and Transylvania is to imagine mere nonsense. Certainly economic weapons might be used against Rumania, such as the blockade, but by next year the whole of Europe may be clamoring for Rumania's wheat supplies, and European allied populations eager for bread will find little to defend the policy of their governments which have excluded Rumanian food-stuffs from their own countries because they were dissatisfied with the allocation of Debrezin or Ozerowitz.  
Victors Draw Their Own Map.  
Recall that in 1912 the Concert of Europe, which then occupied the posi-

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Troy, Aug. 16.—The Summer School which has been in progress here for the past four weeks under the direction of Prof. R. C. Cox, of Mt. Pleasant, who was ably assisted by Misses Nona DeBerry and Virginia Jenkins, both of the Salisbury high school, came to a close last night. It is the opinion of all who have been in touch with the work that the Summer School at Troy has been the best ever held here and that there has been a great deal of good done in the way of instructing the teachers in Montgomery county.  
At the closing exercises a patriotic play was rendered by the teachers attending the Summer School, "The Coming of Liberty," written by T. Wingate Andrews, superintendent of Salisbury schools.  
Hon. R. N. Page, of Biscox, made a strong speech in favor of the compulsory school law and caused the parents to see that education made not only an educated man, but a strong citizenship as well. He said the day has come when we are not too poor to do anything we want to do, and that investing today in child education is investing in men and women of tomorrow.  
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