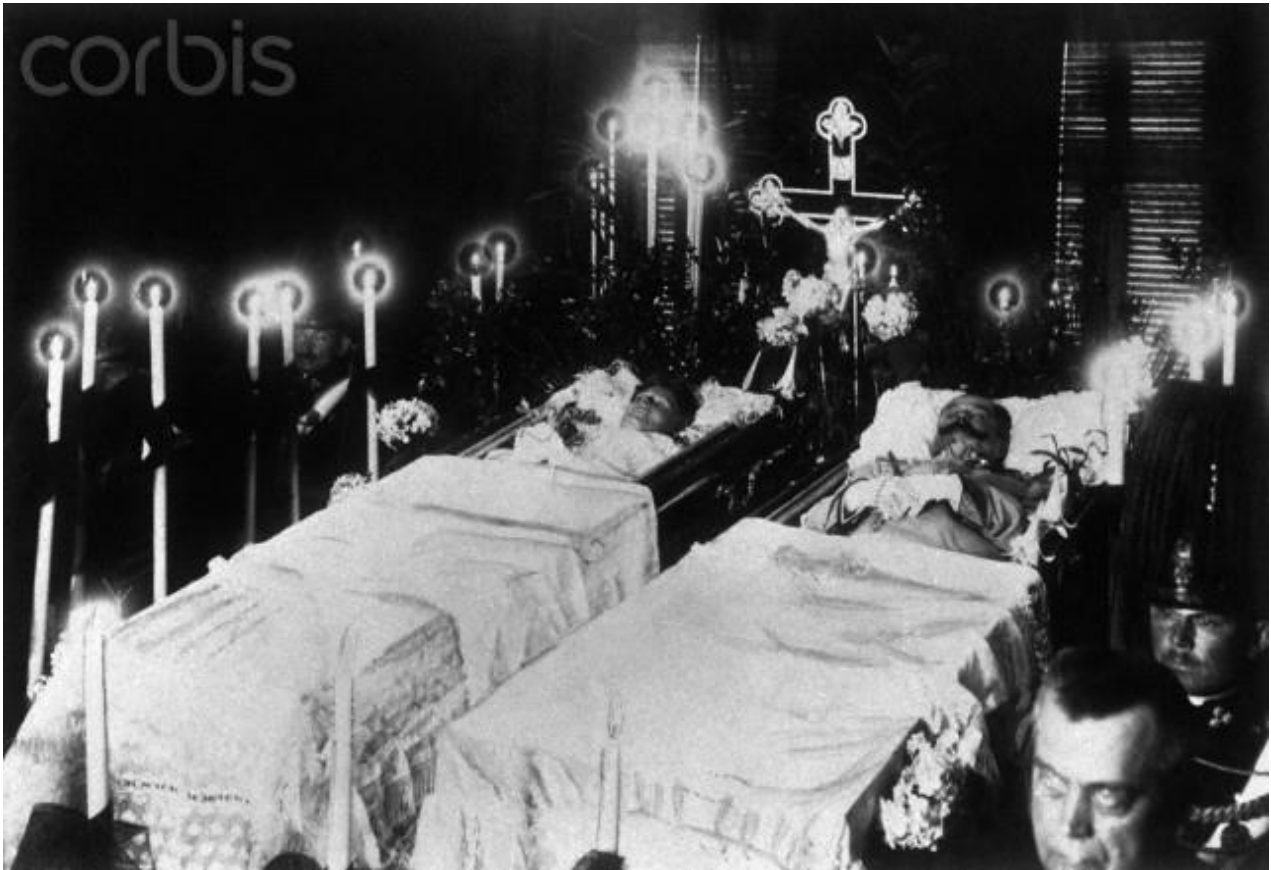


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Count Franz von Harrach rode on the running board of the royal car serving as a bodyguard for the Archduke.

"As the car quickly reversed, a thin stream of blood spurted from His Highness's mouth onto my right cheek. As I was pulling out my handkerchief to wipe the blood away from his mouth, the Duchess cried out to him, 'In Heaven's name, what has happened to you?' At that she slid off the seat and lay on the floor of the car, with her face between his knees.

I had no idea that she too was hit and thought she had simply fainted with fright. Then I heard His Imperial Highness say, 'Sopherl, Sopherl, don't die. Stay alive for the children!'



This excerpt from an eyewitness account by a fellow conspirator in the assassination plot
How dared Franz Ferdinand, not only the representative of the oppressor but in his own person an arrogant tyrant, enter Sarajevo on that day?

Then came the matter of arranging it. . . . But here Gavrilo Princip intervened. Princip is destined to go down in Serbian history as one of her greatest heroes. . . .

When Franz Ferdinand and his retinue . . . passed Gabrinovic . . . he threw his grenade. It hit the side of the car, but Franz Ferdinand with presence of mind threw himself back and was uninjured.

As the car came abreast he stepped forward from the curb, drew his automatic pistol from his coat and fired two shots. The first struck the wife of the archduke, the Archduchess Sofia, in the abdomen. She was an expectant mother. She died instantly. The second bullet struck the archduke close to the heart.



Gavrilo Princip is seized by police, moments after mortally wounding Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife.



Gavrilo Princip

AUSTRIAN HEIR AND HIS WIFE MURDERED.

SHOT IN BOSNIAN TOWN.

A STUDENT'S POLITICAL
CRIME.

BOMB THROWN EARLIER IN
THE DAY.

THE EMPEROR'S GRIEF.

The Austro-Hungarian Heir-Presumptive, the Archduke Francis Ferdinand, and his wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, were assassinated yesterday morning at Serajevo, the capital of Bosnia. The actual assassin is described as a high school student, who fired bullets at his victims with fatal effect from an automatic pistol as they were returning from a reception at the Town Hall.

The outrage was evidently the fruit of a carefully-laid plot. On their way to the Town Hall the Archduke and his Consort had narrowly escaped death. An individual, described as a compositor from Trebinje, a garrison town in the extreme south of Herzegovina, had thrown a bomb at their motor-car. Few details of this first outrage have been received. It is stated that the Archduke warded off the bomb with his arm, and that it exploded behind the car, injuring the occupants of the second carriage.

The author of the second outrage is stated to be a native of Grahovo, in Bosnia. No information as to his race or creed is yet forthcoming. It is presumed that he belongs to the Serb or Orthodox section of the Bosnian population.

Both criminals were immediately arrested, and were with difficulty saved from being lynched.

While this tragedy was being enacted in the Bosnian capital, the aged Emperor Francis Joseph was on his way from Vienna to his summer residence at Ischl. He had an enthusiastic send-off from his subjects in Vienna and an even more enthusiastic reception on reaching Ischl.

HEROISM OF THE DUCHESS.

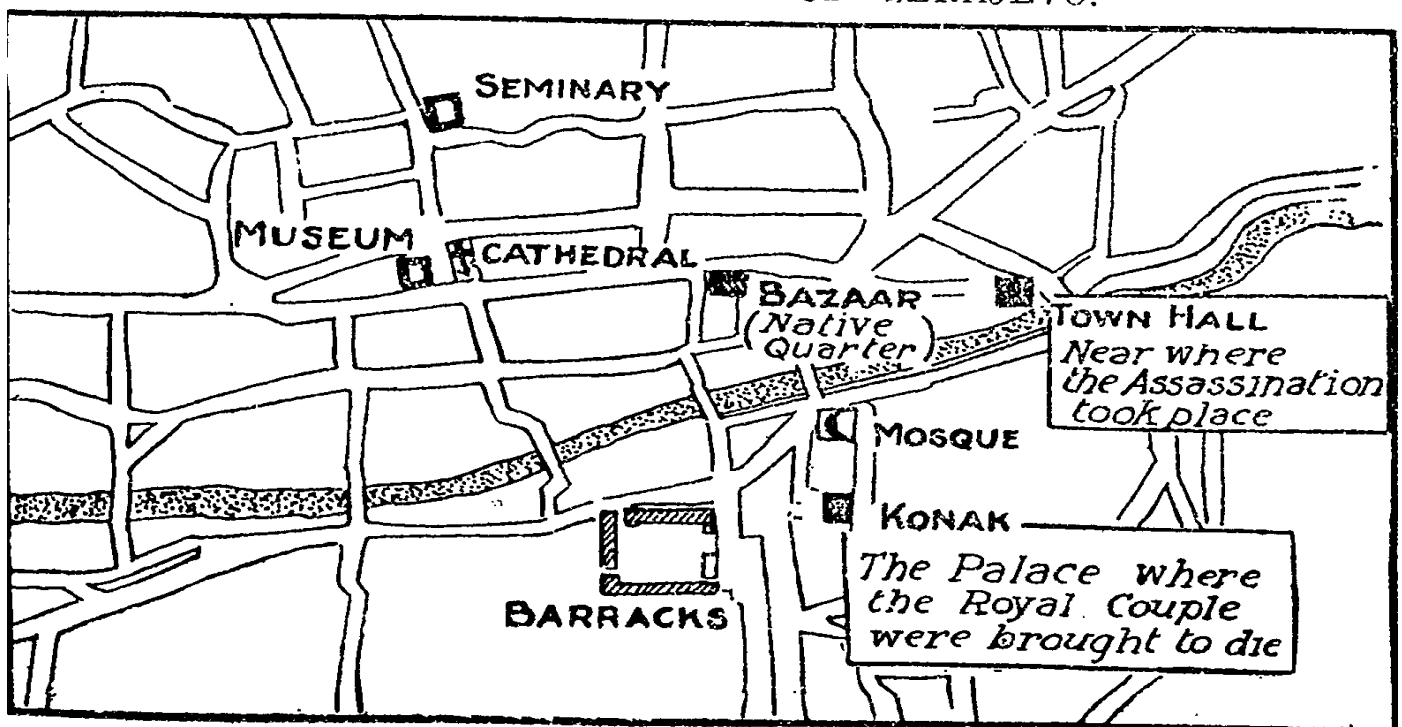
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BERLIN, JUNE 28.

The news of the assassination of the Arch-duke Francis Ferdinand and the Duchess of Hohenberg was made known here by extra editions of the newspapers at about 5 o'clock this evening. The version published here states that the Duchess attempted to shield her husband by throwing her own body in the way of the assassin's bullet.

The utmost horror and consternation have been aroused by the crime, which is a terrible blow to the ally of the Dual Monarchy. No one has yet attempted to gauge its possible effect upon the stability of Europe, and the diplomatic world is almost stunned.

PLAN OF THE TOWN OF SERAJEVO.



EVIDENCE OF A PLOT.

At the hour of telegraphing, 7.45 p.m., the above is practically all the information received here concerning the crime. The fact that the fatal shots were fired after a first attempt had failed would seem to indicate, however, that it was not merely a mad act on the part of a hot-headed student, but was the result of a regularly laid plot. Whether the circumstance that the first would-be assassin comes from Trebinje, in Herzegovina, and the second from Grahovo, in Bosnia, implies that both were participators in a movement spread over the two provinces cannot yet be determined. The judicial inquiry will no doubt make this clear.

The first news was received here early this afternoon, but it was not for some hours that the general public learned from the typewritten sheets that the Heir-Apparent and his Consort had been murdered. To the natural shock caused by the news of the perpetration of such a crime is added a feeling of surprise that he who was widely supposed to favour the formation of the Southern Slav subjects of the Monarchy into a third State on an equal footing with Austria and Hungary, and his Consort, who was herself a member of a Bohemian and therefore a Slav family, should have been the victims of a Slav assassin.

ASSASSIN'S STATEMENTS.

9 P.M.

The latest reports received here from Serajevo represent the assassination to have had its mainspring in the Pan-Serb agitation. Cabrinovitch, who is stated to have tried to escape by jumping into the river, is reported to have affirmed in examination that he had received the bomb from Belgrade, while Prinzip stated that he had been for some time in the Servian capital and for nationalistic reasons he had made up his mind to assassinate at the first opportunity some important Austro-Hungarian personage. The supposition that the crime is the result of a plot is strengthened by a report that close to the place where the assassination took place a second unused bomb was found.

IMPERIAL AND FOREIGN.

Assassination of the Austrian Heir.

The Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his Consort, the Duchess of Hohenberg, were shot dead yesterday morning in the streets of Serajevo, the capital of Bosnia, after an attempt to blow up the Archducal motor-car and its occupants had failed. (pp. 7 and 8)

The late ARCHDUKE FRANZ FERDINAND was to some extent an unknown quantity in European politics. Men speculated upon the possible results of his accession to the Throne, but none could foresee with certainty the line his policy would have taken. Until after his marriage he was not very much in the public eye, and to the end he was not permitted to exercise influence upon public affairs, save in certain definite directions. The controversies which

THE TIMES, MONDAY, JUNE 29, 1914.

Austrian Archduke Franz Ferdinand was born on December 18, 1863, in Graz, Austria. In 1900, Ferdinand gave up his children's rights to the throne in order to marry a lady-in-waiting. While in power, he attempted to restore Austro-Russian relations while maintaining an alliance with Germany. In 1914, a Serb nationalist assassinated him.

Austria-Hungary was a polyglot empire of different ethnic groups at odds with each other over religion and politics, and united to a flag that wasn't theirs. The only thing the divergent ethnic people hated more than each other was Hapsburgs. Archduke Franz Ferdinand's public persona was cold, sharp-tongued and short-tempered. He was also rumoured to be insane due to the inbreeding of the Hapsburg family.

The Tragedy of Serajevo.

With the deepest and most profound regret we record to-day the tragic news of the assassination of the ARCHDUKE FRANZ FERDINAND, Heir-Presumptive to the Austro-Hungarian Throne, and of his wife, the DUCHESS of HOHENBERG. The ARCHDUKE, in his capacity as Inspector-General of the Forces of the Empire, had been attending military manoeuvres in the province of Bosnia. While he was passing yesterday, with the DUCHESS, through the streets of Serajevo, the capital of the province, a bomb was thrown at his motor-car by a printer from the town of Trebinje. It is said that the ARCHDUKE warded off the bomb with his arm. At any rate the attempt failed, though others were injured. The ARCHDUKE held a reception at the Town Hall, and afterwards was continuing his progress through the streets, when both he and the DUCHESS were shot by a high-school student armed with a Browning pistol. Both died almost immediately, and their assassination has produced horror and consternation throughout Europe. The first thoughts of all



JULY 28th 1914 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY DECLARES WAR ON SERBIA, RUSSIA MOBILIZES

AUGUST 1st 1914 GERMANY DELCARES WAR ON RUSSIA

AUGUST 3rd 1914 GERMANY DECLARES WAR ON FRANCE

AUGUST 4th 1914 BRITAIN DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

AUGUST 6th 1914 AUSTRIA- HUNGARY DECLARES WAR ON RUSSIA AND SERBIA DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

AUGUST 11th 1914 FRANCE DECLARES WAR ON AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

AUGUST 12th 1914 BRITAIN DECLARES WAR ON AUSTRIA HUNGARY