

COULD ASSASSINATION LEAD TO WAR?

Archduke Franz Ferdinand was killed by a member of the Black Hand Society on his visit to Bosnia.

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Yesterday, 28th of June, Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife Duchess Sophie were mercilessly assassinated in Sarajevo (Bosnia) whilst on a trip to improve relations with the people of Bosnia. It is believed that the murderer had done this to keep Serbia an independent country when the Archduke would take over.

Whilst in Bosnia (to inspect his troops) he faced an unexpected demise. Reports suggest that his original plan was to have lunch at City Hall and after inspect the Austro-Hungarian but things took a turn and a terrorist group - The Black Hand Society - had planned many

attempts to assassinate the royal couple. One of the members, whose identity is yet to be found, threw a grenade at the couple's car and successfully demolished the vehicle injuring civilians including their driver. The hurt were taken to a local hospital to receive care. Despite the casualty, Franz Ferdinand and Duchess Sophie decided to carry on with their plans. After their appointment at City Hall, the Duke and his wife came to a decision to visit those who got injured during the grenade attack rather than do the military manoeuvres as they had planned.

Witnesses claim that on their way to the hospital, the replacement driver had taken a wrong turn - as he wasn't familiar with the road. Realising this, the driver began to reverse. In this significant moment a member of the Black Hand Society (Gavrillo Princip) took his chance stepped out of the café and fired two shots at the royal couple killing them both instantly. Sources claim that the first shot hit expectant mother Sophie in the stomach. However the next shot hit the Archduke in the neck. Before a second could pass, Gavrillo Princip was taken hold of by police and immediately taken into custody.

On the day of the tragic event there were hundreds and thousands of people lined up on the streets of Sarajevo. Here is what a witness has to say: Emily Carpenter, the café owner on Browning Street, stated: "As I stepped out of the café my jaw dropped in

astonishment. I thought I was in a dream, the royal couple dead in front of me." With her body still shook, she continued by saying that seconds after the assassination everyone began to scream because there was blood dripping down the royal vehicle.

Detective Kyle, a police that witnessess the scene, commented that the assassin has been put in to custody. He then went on to add on "He can assure everyone that we have caught the culprit and he is yet for his trial." The police have beseeched the members of the public to bring forth any information about the crime or to contact them directly to help with the trial.

The situation in the Balkans territory has been going on for many years and Austria - Hungary

have already taken control of Bosnia and Serbia. This caused many apprehensions in mainly this part of Europe. These imperialistic movements came with people from Serbia being unhappy that Austria-Hungary was planning to take over. If these plans came to pass, people who spoke different languages, had different cultures and had different flags would have to change it all and this has led to much hatred towards Vienna. Multiple groups were also planning to kill Franz Ferdinand including: Peoples Defence, The Black Hand Society and Young Bosnia. It has been thought that the Serbian government and military had encouraged The Black Hand Society by training them. Eventually, their plans were carried out and they were successful.



The Browning pistol Gavrillo Princip used to assassinate the royal couple.

Still dreading by yesterday's event, the people of Austria-Hungary are now in mourning. News spread from town to town and the chilling sound of church bells rang through the streets of Austria-Hungary informing people that heir to the throne (Archduke Franz Ferdinand) has been assassinated. Throughout the day, many Austro-Hungarian people have either visited churches to pray for the royal couple or laid flowers outside the café

where they died to pay their respect.
It has been declared that the
terrorist - Gavrillo Princip - is in
custody and at the moment is
being questioned by the police.
It is expected that because of
his young age he will not face
the death penalty if found
guilty by the jury in court.
As a result of this, tensions
have started to rise between
the Austro-Hungarian people
blaming the Serbian government
so a ten-point ultimatum is
to be put in place for Serbia
to complete. This has left
only one thought for the
people in Europe. Could this
lead to a great war in Europe?