„the same which Austria-Hungary was being „blamed for with regard to Servia, i. e. an „infraction of sovereignty. Austria-Hungary „having promised to consider the Russian „interests by disclaiming any territorial aspiration, „—a great concession on the part of a state engaged „in war — should therefore be permitted to attend „to its affair with Servia alone. There would „be time at the peace conference to return to „the matter of forbearance towards the sovereignty „of Servia.

„I added very solemnly that at this moment „the entire Austro-Servian affair was eclipsed by „the danger of a general European conflagration, „and I endeavored to present to the Secretary the „magnitude of this danger.

„It was impossible to dissuade Sasonow from „the idea that Servia could not now be deserted „by Russia".

On July 29th, the German Military Attaché at St. Petersburg wired the following report on a conversation with the Chief of the General Staff of the Russian army:

„The Chief of the General Staff has asked „me to call on him, and he has told me that he „has just come from His Majesty. He has been „requested by the Secretary of War to reiterate „once more that everything had remained as the „Secretary had informed me two days ago. He „offered confirmation in writing and gave me „his word of honor in the most solemn manner „that nowhere there had been a mobilization, „viz. calling in of a single man or horse up to „the present time, i. e. 3 o'clock in the afternoon. „He could not assume a guaranty for the future, „but he could emphasize that in the fronts „directed towards our frontiers His Majesty „desired no mobilization.