

The Note of Austria-Hungary to Serbia,

Presented July 23rd in Belgrade.

„On March 31st, 1909, the Royal Servian Minister to the Court of Vienna made the following statement, by order of his Government :

„Serbia declares that she is not affected in
„her rights by the situation established in Bosnia,
„and that she will therefore adapt herself to the
„decisions which the powers are going to arrive at
„in reference to Art. 25 of the Berlin Treaty. By
„following the councils of the powers, Serbia
„binds herself to cease the attitude of protest
„and resistance which she has assumed since last
„October, relative to the annexation, and she
„binds herself further to change the direction of
„her present policies towards Austria-Hungary,
„and, in the future, to live with the latter in
„friendly and neighborly relations.

„The history of the last years, and especially the painful events of June 28th, have demonstrated the existence of a subversive movement in Serbia whose aim it is to separate certain territories from the Austro-Hungarian monarchy. This movement, which developed under the eyes of the Servian Government, has found expression subsequently beyond the territory of the kingdom, in acts of terrorism, a series of assassinations and murders.

„Far from fulfilling the formal obligations contained in the declaration of March 31st, 1909, the Royal Servian Government has done nothing to suppress this movement.