

The Austrians delivered an ultimatum which they knew the Serbians would reject. The Austrian Foreign Minister deliberately phrased it so 'that it would be wholly impossible for Serbia to accept'. It included ten demands which would mean the virtual end of Serbian independence. Surprisingly, the Serbs accepted all but one. The Kaiser, who by now had cold feet, said, 'Now there can be no object in going to war'; but the Austrians, seeking revenge, went ahead anyway.

23 JULY

Austria declared war on Serbia. Serbia appealed to Russia for help.

28 JULY

Russia mobilised the armed forces in support of Serbia.

29 JULY

The Kaiser warned the Tsar of Russia to stop mobilising.

30 JULY

Germany gave Russia a threatening ultimatum.

31 JULY

