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## The Murdering Sandwich Eating Man

On the 28<sup>th</sup> of June 1914 Arch duke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in a double homicide by Gavrilo Princip, whist driving through Bosnia in an open-toped car.

Gavrilo Princip alleged member of the black hand gang has been taken into police custody after shooting Arch duke Franz Ferdinand and his pregnant wife Sophia in the head and stomach respectively. The archduke, aware of his resentment by the Serbians took precautions and wore 7 lucky charms,



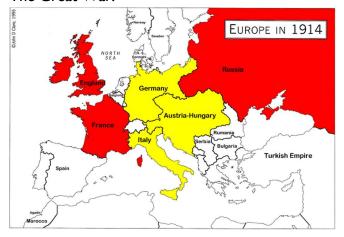
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alas these were not enough to save him. However, early on that same day Ferdinand's car was the victim of an attempted bombing by Nedeljko Čabrinović (fellow black hand gang conspirator) but due to this miss-timing of the explosive no one in the car was harmed – alas this cannot be said about the passing by civilians. 20 civilians were injured and consequently swiftly taken to the hospital.

After quickly delivering his speech at his reception, Arch duke Franz Ferdinand decided to visit the injured in hospital, a kindness that would later prove to be his fatal mistake. Chauffer Leopold Lojka made the mistake of turning the wrong corner to the hospital where – after eating a sandwich – assassin Gavrilo Princip murdered the husband and wife.

This brutal act of inhumane bloodshed, sparked anger and fear within the Austria-Hungarian nation and with the threat of war looming Germany offered there absolute and without questioned support against the war against Serbia. This caused outrage in Russia (Serbian allies), inducing Russia to mobilise troops resulting in Germany also declaring war on Russia.

This resulted in a domino effect of allyships getting ready to protect their allies triggering a greater spread of war and what would become The Great War.



However, this is not the only quintessential cause of the first world war. We at The Conservator believe that the Schlieffen Plan (more on that issue 328) and the arms race where the most vital in the causation of WW1. This is because bolstering armies across Europe by 300% means every army is preparing and anticipating war whilst striding for the best army and therefore the best nation engaging both nationalist and militarist values. Additionally, the Schlieffen plan would go onto exacerbate the triple entente and Belgium creating uproar and fracas further triggering the inevitable eventuality that was the first world war.