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PREFACE

BY THE GERMAN PUBLISHERS

THIS "Comparative History" was compiled by His Majesty the Emperor William II. in 1919 and completed from original documents subsequently available to him. Originally intended for the Emperor's personal use, it was printed in 1920 in manuscript and communicated to a few intimate friends. The Dutch paper "Het Volk," which obtained possession of a copy in some unknown way, published these historical tables in the spring of 1921. Thus, against the author's wishes, they got into the press. Yielding to suggestions from many quarters, the Emperor has decided to make the tables public.

The idea which inspired the Emperor in compiling these tables was to furnish a comprehensive summary of absolutely historic facts, which would enable the reader to form his own judgment on the political development of the world situation since the Berlin Congress of 1878 and on the history of the period preceding the Great War.

The Emperor is devoting the profits of his work to the "Notgemeinschaft der deutschen Wissenschaft."

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December, 1921.

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1878

General

June 13 to July 13. Berlin Congress under the presidency of Bismarck.

Pontificate of Leo XIII. (1878 to 1903).

Germany

Relations with Russia grow worse after the Berlin Congress.

Extract from the report of the Belgian Minister in Berlin, March 17, 1882 :

“ Germany must not conceal from herself that the Pan-Slav movement regards the Treaty of Berlin (the Berlin Congress) as a defeat, and that it is devoting itself to getting its revenge.”¹¹

¹¹ Schwertfeger, Vol. V, *Zur europäischen Politik, 1897-1914*, p. 36. (Unpublished Documents, issued officially under the direction of Bernhard Schwertfeger. Five vols. Berlin, 1919.)

1878

Austria-Hungary

Takes over the administration of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Italy

Jan. 9. Death of King Victor Emmanuel.
Accession of King Humbert.

England

June 4. Alliance with Turkey.
England takes over the administration of Cyprus.

Russia

The hegemony of the Balkans, secured by Russia in the Peace of San Stefano (March, 1878), is not maintained at the Berlin Congress. Thereafter Russo-German relations grow worse. ("Revenge for San Stefano.")

Turkey

June 4. Alliance with England.