

The Beginning of W.W. I--

"Pope Pius X in his hatred against orthodox Christians, was continually inciting Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary to 'chastize the Serbians.' After Sarajevo, on 26th July, 1914, Baron Ritter, Bavarian representative of the Holy See, wrote to his Government: 'The Pope approves of Austria's harsh treatment of Serbia. He has no great opinion of the armies of Russia and France in the event of a war against Germany. The Cardinal secretary of State does not see when Austria could make war if she does not decide to do so now . . .

There in the true colours is the Vicar of Christ, the gentle apostle of peace, the holy Pontiff whom pious authors represent as having died of sorrow at seeing the outbreak of war."

Thus it is proved that Pius X and his Secretary of State, when they encouraged the most Catholic Emperor to make war, were coldly contemplating the consequences of their act: a general conflict which would set the Central European Empires against France and Russia. They believed they had accurately estimated the strength of the different forces involved. But what his holiness and his accomplice had not foreseen was the participation in the war of England, and finally of the entire Anglo-Saxon world, a participation which was to thwart their plans, tip the scales in favor of France and liberate the orthodox populations from the Viennese yoke.

Hence the responsibility for the crime is beyond doubt an enormous crime which, over a period of four years, was to throw into the charnel-house millions of Christian corpses, all the flower of European youth, and a crime all the more odious for being completely premeditated.

One may say quite specifically that in 1914 the Roman church started the hellish series of wars. It was then

that the tribute of blood, which she has always taken from the peoples, began to swell to a veritable torrent."¹

¹ Paris, Edmond, *The Vatican Against Europe*, Wickliffe Press, 6 Donnor Place, Mt Wellington, Auckland, New Zealand, Copyright © 1993, p. 47