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HOW DID IT ALL HAPPEN?

'The War That Ended Peace,' by Margaret MacMillan

By Richard Aldous

The scale of the disaster that followed the events of August 1914 complicates the historian's task. "Loss of a generation" was a lament heard around Europe when the war was over. The conflict claimed 20 million military and civilian lives, with a further 21 million wounded. For some countries the burden was greater than others. While Britain, France and Germany lost between 2 and 3 percent of their total populations, Serbia suffered a staggering 15 percent depletion. Such losses had seemed unthinkable when the war began.

"The War That Ended Peace" neatly recounts the events that led to battle. On why it happened, though, MacMillan is more tentative. "While these have fascinated and will continue to fascinate historians and political scientists," she writes of the various debates, "we may have to accept that there can never be a definitive answer, because for every argument there is a strong counter." That may well be true, but most readers will want her to have tried, particularly given her success in doing something similar in "Paris 1919."

Still, the logic of MacMillan's argument is such that even now, as she leads us day by day, hour by hour through the aftermath of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo on June 28, 1914, we expect some statesman or other to jump on the lighted fuse. The Russian czar begs his German cousin to help keep the peace. The kaiser and Bethmann-Hollweg momentarily get cold feet. The Hungarians, without whom the government in Vienna could not act, urge a settlement with Serbia. With the foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, ducking and diving, the British look to avoid fulfilling their Triple Entente obligations to France and Russia. Surely Europe will pull back from the brink. "There are always choices," MacMillan keeps reminding us.

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The War That Ended Peace: The Road to 1914 by Margaret MacMillan

- What role did honour play in the outbreak of the first world war?

By David Blackbourn

Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria was assassinated on 28 July 1914 in Sarajevo. This set in train the July Crisis, the moves and counter-moves that would lead to general European war, the "great black tornado", as Theodore Roosevelt called it. Sixty-five million men served in the conflict, 9 million of them died and 20 million were wounded. The war was one of history's great turning points, the beginning of what Eric Hobsbawm dubbed the "short 20th century" (which ended in 1989).

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"PRINCIP TERORISTA, APIS SVE ZNAO"

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Ova kanadska istoričarka je na promociji svoje knjige "Sprečavanje novog Velikog rata: Lekcije iz 1914" u Vašingtonu rekla i da je Gavrilo Princip bio fanatik koji se poslužio terorističkim nasiljem za ostvarivanje svojih ciljeva.

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VIENNA ORCHESTRA TO PLAY IN SARAJEVO

The Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra will perform a concert in Sarajevo next year to commemorate the start of the First World War, 100 years after the assassination that sparked the four-year conflict.

The concert on June 28, 2014 will be performed jointly with the choir of the Sarajevo National Theatre at the former city hall, Vijecnica, the orchestra said in a statement. This will be the first event to be held at the renovated building, built in the 1890s and severely damaged in 1992 during the conflict that tore the former Yugoslavia apart.

"The orchestra, the city of Sarajevo and their television partners want to not only commemorate the historic tragedy but also celebrate the birth of a new Europe and a new century," the Philharmonic said in its statement. "The commemoration should be tied with hope for a peaceful future on a reunited continent."

The concert will be shown live on wide screens in front of the Vijecnica and conducted by the Vienna Opera’s music director Franz Welser-Moest with works by French, Austrian and German composers on the program.

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