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Notice of breaking diplomatic relations with Germany and opening of hostilities with Austria-Hungary, August 9, 1914.

[London Times, Aug. 12, 1914, p. 6, c.]

NISH, *August 9, 1914.*

The Montenegrin Government has handed the German minister his passports, and hostilities with Austria began yesterday. The Austrian fleet has bombarded Antivari.

NETHERLANDS.

Declaration of neutrality, April 17, 1917.

ROYAL LEGATION OF THE NETHERLANDS,
Washington, D. C., April 17, 1917.

MR. SECRETARY OF STATE: By order of the minister of foreign affairs at The Hague, I have the honor to inform your excellency that in view of the state of war existing between the United States of America and Germany, the Royal Government of the Netherlands will observe strict neutrality.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to your excellency the assurance of my highest consideration.

W. L. F. C. DE RAPPARD.

NORWAY.

Declaration by Norway, Denmark, and Sweden in reference to neutrality rules, December 21, 1912.

DECLARATION.

The Governments of Norway, Denmark, and Sweden;

Having in view the fixing of similar rules of neutrality in accord with the conventional provisions signed at The Hague, have undertaken negotiations which have resulted in an agreement on all the points of principle as is proved by the annexed texts of rules adopted separately by the three respective Governments;

And appreciating at its just value the importance that this agreement so happily existing should be maintained equally in the future;

Have agreed that none of the three Governments will make any changes in the approved rules by themselves, without having first advised the two others sufficiently early to permit an exchange of views in the matter.