

BULGARIA NEUTRAL TO OBTAIN HER ENDS

Statement Here of Bulgarian Envoy to United States

STRONG PRO-ALLY PARTY

**Bulgarians Are Not Anti-British, Says
Mr. Panaretoff — Regrets Anti-
Bulgarian Feeling in Canada —
Confers With Countrymen.**

"A war in which Bulgaria would be fighting against Russia would at the present time be very unpopular in Bulgaria. I am sorry, indeed, to hear that my country's attitude has created an anti-Bulgarian feeling in Canada," said Mr. Steven Panaretoff of Washington, D.C., Bulgarian Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, to The Globe yesterday at the King Edward Hotel. He explained that his visit to Toronto was entirely unofficial. He had been in Buffalo on Friday, and in order to keep in touch with his countrymen had spent the week-end in Toronto.

What Bulgaria Wants.

"My country wishes to obtain Macedonia and that part of the Balkan peninsula held by Roumania at present, but once a part of Bulgaria, and at the same time maintain her neutrality. In Macedonia and this part of Roumania all but five thousand inhabitants are Bulgarian in every respect. We want nothing which is not ours. We have no claims to Albania, Serbia or Greece. Bearing in mind the fact that we just passed through one war, we are a small country and that our resources are not great; it is easy to understand why our country does not wish to engage in another war which would prove disastrous from an economical standpoint. Considering these conditions, it is not hard to understand Bulgaria's neutrality," said Mr. Panaretoff.

Will Remain Neutral.

According to Mr. Panaretoff, his country will remain neutral to the last moment. Bulgaria, he said, had given an understanding to Greece and Roumania that their stand in the present struggle would not effect Bulgaria in the slightest measure.

"While Bulgaria is being censured for her neutral attitude, you must bear in mind that Roumania financed a loan of £5,000,000 in January in London and that it was understood that this country would follow Italy on the side of the allies. Greek ships, it is claimed, have supplied German submarines with oil and other necessities, and not the slightest assistance has been rendered Turkey by the transportation of munitions of war across Bulgaria. The censure is undeserved," he said.

Gladstone Is Revered.

Bulgarians are not anti-British, according to Mr. Panaretoff. The name of Gladstone is a household word in Bulgaria, and there is not a school boy who is not familiar with his life. In Sofia there is an English speaking league which has over 120,000 members. At present, he said, there existed in his country a party which was strongly pro-ally. Finally, he stated that Bulgaria intended to obtain her ends by her neutrality.