

## BULGARIA.

### RECEPTION OF THE FIRST MINISTER OF BULGARIA TO THE UNITED STATES.

File No. 701.7411/3.

*Minister Vopicka to the Secretary of State.*

AMERICAN LEGATION,  
*Bucharest, April 4, 1914.*

No. 65.]

SIR: I have the honor to inform the Department that during my recent visit to Bulgaria I was informed by Mr. Radoslavoff, the President of the Council of Ministers and Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs, that the Bulgarian Government was considering the establishment of a Bulgarian legation in Washington. The Minister told me that a bill would be presented at the present session of the Sobranje for the creation of such a legation and for the necessary appropriation.

I have [etc.]

CHARLES J. VOPICKA.

File No. 701.7411/5.

[Telegram.]

AMERICAN LEGATION,  
*Bucharest, September 3, 1914.*

Bulgarian Government has just notified me that Mr. S. Panaretoff has been chosen as first Bulgarian Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States and asks if his appointment is agreeable to our Government. Mr. Panaretoff graduated from Roberts College, Constantinople, 1871, and has been professor of Bulgarian language and literature there for many years. He was sent in 1880 on special mission to England, and is married.

VOPICKA.

File No. 701.7411/5.

*The Secretary of State to Minister Vopicka.*

[Telegram.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, September 10, 1914.*

This Government is gratified that Bulgaria has decided to appoint a Minister to this country, and S. Panaretoff is entirely acceptable in that capacity.

BRYAN.

File No. 701.7411/6.

*Minister Vopicka to the Secretary of State.*

No. 128.]

AMERICAN LEGATION,  
*Bucharest, October 1, 1914.*

SIR: Referring to your telegram informing me that Mr. S. Panaretoff was in every way acceptable as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Bulgaria at Washington, I have the honor to report that I at once communicated this information to the Bulgarian Foreign Office.

The creation of a Bulgarian Legation at Washington and the appointment of a Minister so well qualified to represent the Bulgarian Government and people as is Mr. Panaretoff, has been received with much satisfaction in Bulgaria.

The newly appointed Minister has arrived at Sofia and has been received by the King. He expects to leave shortly to join his post and I have extended a cordial invitation to him to proceed to Washington by way of Bucharest in hope in this way to have the opportunity of meeting him as the pressure of work at the present time is too great to permit my leaving Bucharest.

I have [etc.]

CHARLES J. VOPICKA.

File No. 701.7411/8.

*Consul General Rockhill to the Secretary of State.*CONSULATE GENERAL OF BULGARIA,  
*New York, December 1, 1914.*

SIR: I have the honour to inform you that Mr. Stephan Panaretoff, the newly appointed Minister from Bulgaria to Washington, is expected to arrive at New York on the steamship *Kroonland*, due the fourth instant.

Through the courtesy of the collector of the port of New York I have arranged to meet Mr. Panaretoff on arrival of the steamer at quarantine; should you desire me to convey any message to the Minister, kindly command me.

I am [etc.]

CLAYTON ROCKHILL.

File No. 701.7411/8.

*The Secretary of State to Consul General Rockhill.*

[Telegram.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, December 3, 1914.*

Your letter of December 1. Thanks for your courtesy. We are glad to welcome Mr. Panaretoff to our shores. Welcome will be extended by the President at his official reception.

W. J. BRYAN.

File No. 701.7411/11.

*The Appointed Bulgarian Minister to the Secretary of State.*

1761 N STREET,  
Washington, Dec. 15, 1914.

SIR: Having recently arrived to take possession of the post to which I have been appointed by His Majesty the King of the Bulgarians, I will be greatly obliged to you if you will kindly grant me an audience at a time most convenient to you.

I have [etc.]

STEPHAN PANARETOFF.

File No. 701.7411/11.

*The Secretary of State to the Appointed Bulgarian Minister.*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, December 16, 1914.

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the fifteenth of December by which you convey to me the pleasing information that you have arrived in Washington as the accredited Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Bulgaria near the Government of the United States and request the designation of a time when you may call upon me to pay your respects.

In reply I beg to say that I shall be glad to see you at the Department of State on Thursday, December the seventeenth, at 11.30 o'clock a. m.

Accept [etc.]

W. J. BRYAN.

File No. 701.7411/18a.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
Washington, December 18, 1914.

SIR: I have the honor to advise you that the President will receive you, in order that you may present your letters of credence as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Bulgaria near this Government, on Tuesday next, the twenty-second of December, at two o'clock.

I will call for you shortly before the hour above named and will accompany you to the White House to present you to the President.

Accept [etc.]

W. J. BRYAN.

File No. 701.7411/12.

*Remarks made by the Bulgarian Minister on his reception by the President, December 22, 1914.*

MR. PRESIDENT: In his great desire to maintain and draw closer the ties of friendship happily existing between the United States and Bulgaria, His Majesty the King of the Bulgarians has deigned to appoint me his representative near the Government of the United

States. In the performance of the duties incumbent upon me for the carrying out of this desire of His Majesty, I shall endeavor to acquit myself of my mission in such a way as to win your confidence and merit His Majesty's approbation. With this end in view, I shall highly prize the valuable aid and good will of Your Excellency and your Government, which will facilitate my task and help to make my mission a success.

In handing you, Mr. President, the credentials whereby His Majesty accredits me to you, I have been bidden to express on his behalf and in behalf of his Government the deep sorrow and sincere sympathy they feel for you in the sad bereavement that has lately befallen you, to assure you of the high esteem His Majesty entertains for your person and the ardent wishes he cherishes for the progress and prosperity of your great country, as well as for the wellbeing and happiness of its people.