

Romania War of Independence 1877

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Date:

1877-1878

Location:

Balcani

Result:

Romania/ Bulgarian Russian victory

Treaty of San Stefano, treaty of Berlin

Territorial changes

- Northern Dobrogea passed from Ottoman Empire to Romania
- Southern Basarabia passed from Romania to Russian Empire



The political context

- At the beginning of the reign of Prince Carol I, Romania was a small state, with an area of 121,000 km² and a population of about 5 million people. Still about 5 million Romanians lived in historic provinces occupied by neighboring empires. The economic-social development and the aspiration of granting public parts are severely affected by the vassal state of the Ottoman Empire.
- During the reign of Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Romania was passing through a broad economic, social and political modernization. These transformations have contributed to the future war of independence.

Before the War

- In June Serbia and Muntenegru started the war against the Ottoman Empire.
- Under these conditions, the Romanian government has taken the final measures to strengthen the army starting with the year 1876.
- The Romanian government decided on April 6, 1877 to preventively mobilize the permanent, territorial and reserve armies. On April 25, the mobilization of the army was completed and the troops were organized according to the war plans.



The peace Treaty

- The peace treaty between the Russian Empire and the Ottoman Empire was signed in San Stefano on March 3, 1878. Following this treaty, the Principality of Bulgaria, was created and the independence of Montenegro, Serbia, Romania was recognized. Romania is forced to surrender the three count in southern Moldova (Cahul, Ismail, Bolgrad).
- At the peace conference in Berlin in 1878 it was decided that Russia would recognize Romania's independence, to surrender the territories of the Dobrogea and the Delta Dunarii, including the port of Constanta, and the small Island of the Serpents. But Russia took over the counties in southern Basarabia (Cahul, Ismail, Bolgrad). Prince Carol I was not satisfied with how the negotiations turned out.

Coat of arms and Uniform



Results

- Romania is forced to give Russia the south of Basarabia.
- Russia gave up the Delta Dunarii, Island of Serpents and Dobrogea.
- Romania's independence was recognized.