

# **Wilson's Foreign Policy**

**1912-1916**

# The “Yankee Lake”

**Wilson laid out a foreign policy that drew back from the “big stickism” of both TR and Taft**

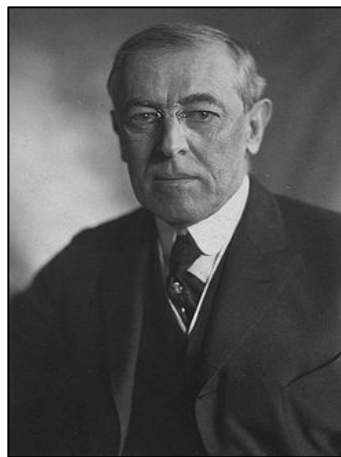
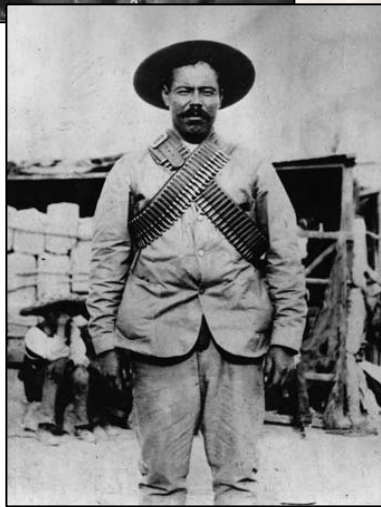
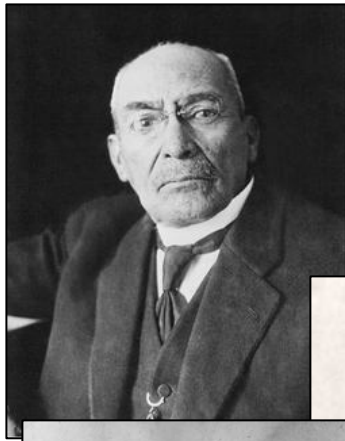
## **Isolationism**

**However, he is going to send Marines to protect US interests in Haiti, and the Dominican Republic**

**The Caribbean was solidly in US hands from 1914 until World War II**



# Moralistic Diplomacy



“I am going to teach the South American Republics to elect good men.”

-Wilson 1914

**Revolution in Mexico causes a flood of immigration into the US**

**Americans push Wilson to quell the violence along the Southern border**

**3 leaders were vying for control of the Mexican government:**

**Huerta**

**Carranza**

**Villa**

**Wilson opposed Huerta**

# Tampico Incident



**In 1914 Mexican officials arrested US sailors in Tampico**

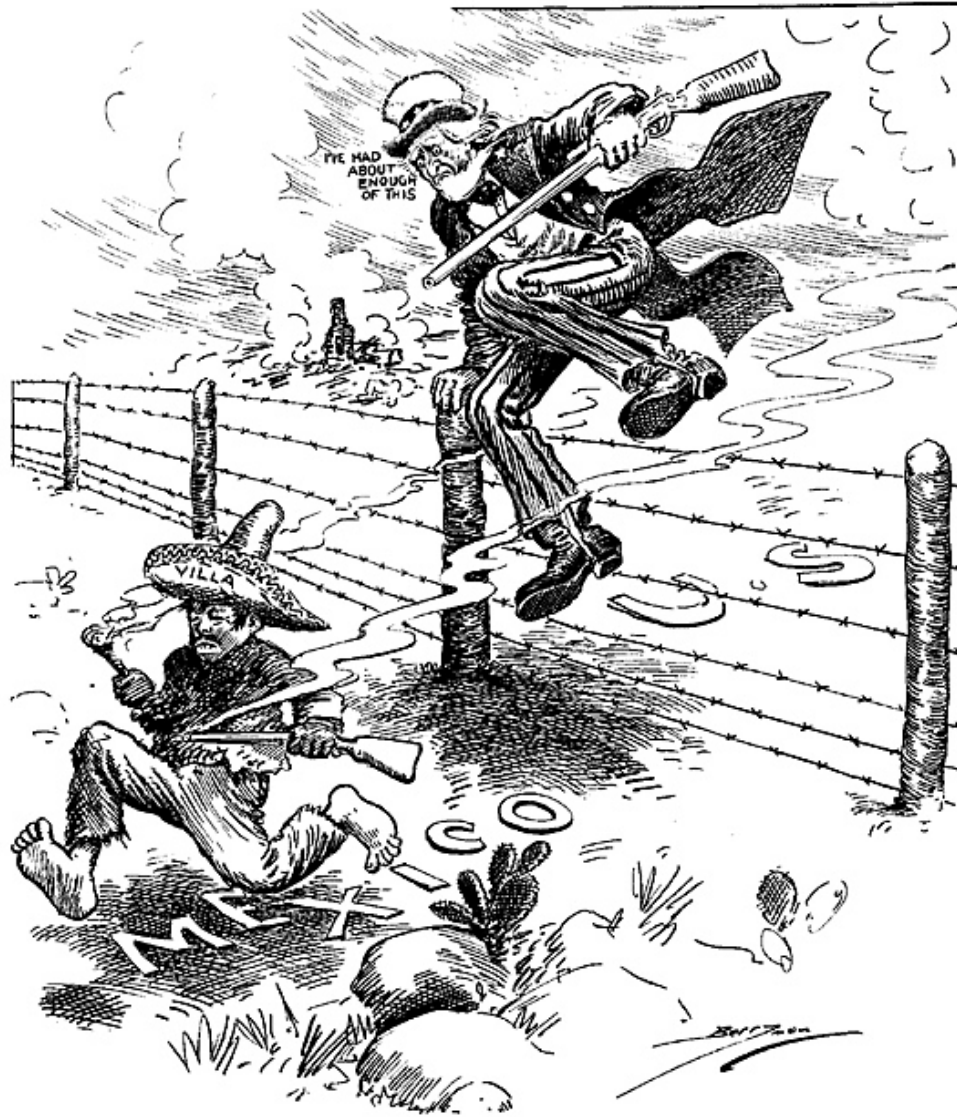
**Wilson ordered the US Navy to seize Veracruz to prevent weapons shipments from reaching Huerta's troops**

**Both Huerta and Carranza opposed this intrusion**

**Mediation**

**Huerta is deposed and replaced by Carranza**

# Punitive Expedition



**In 1916 Pancho Villa wanted to trigger a conflict b/w Carranza and Wilson**

**Villa crossed the border and attacked the New Mexican town of Columbus**

**In retaliation, Wilson dispatched General Pershing to Mexico to destroy Villas' guerrilla band**

**As events ramped up in Europe, Wilson w/drew the Army from Mexico**

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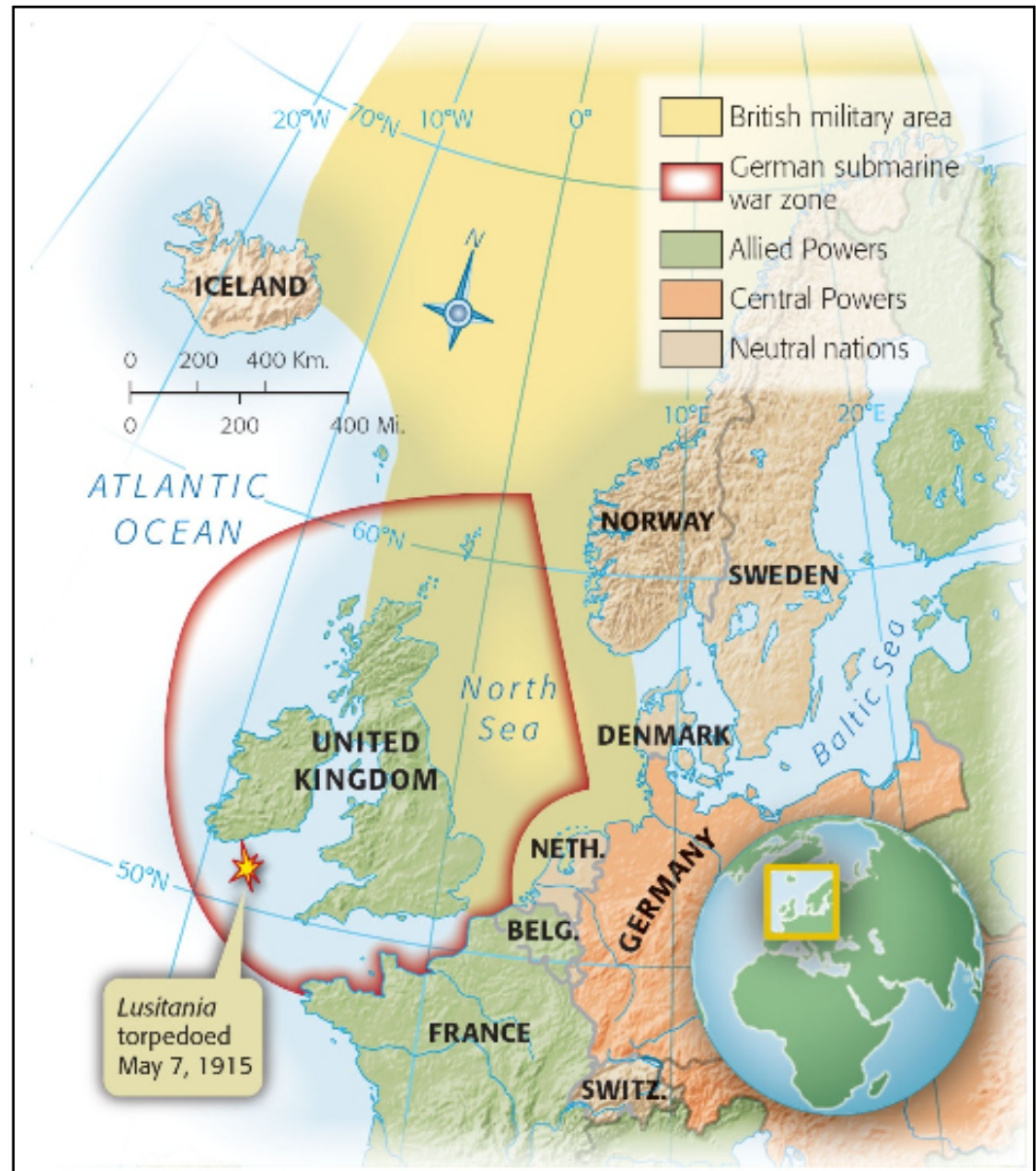
# Neutrality

**An Arms Race, assassination, and a series of interlocking alliances plunge Europe into war in 1914**

**US was courted by both the Allies and the Central Powers**

**Wilson urged Neutrality**

**British blockades and German submarines make real neutrality impossible**



# ***Lusitania***

**The British passenger liner Lusitania was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of England by U-20, a German submarine in 1915**

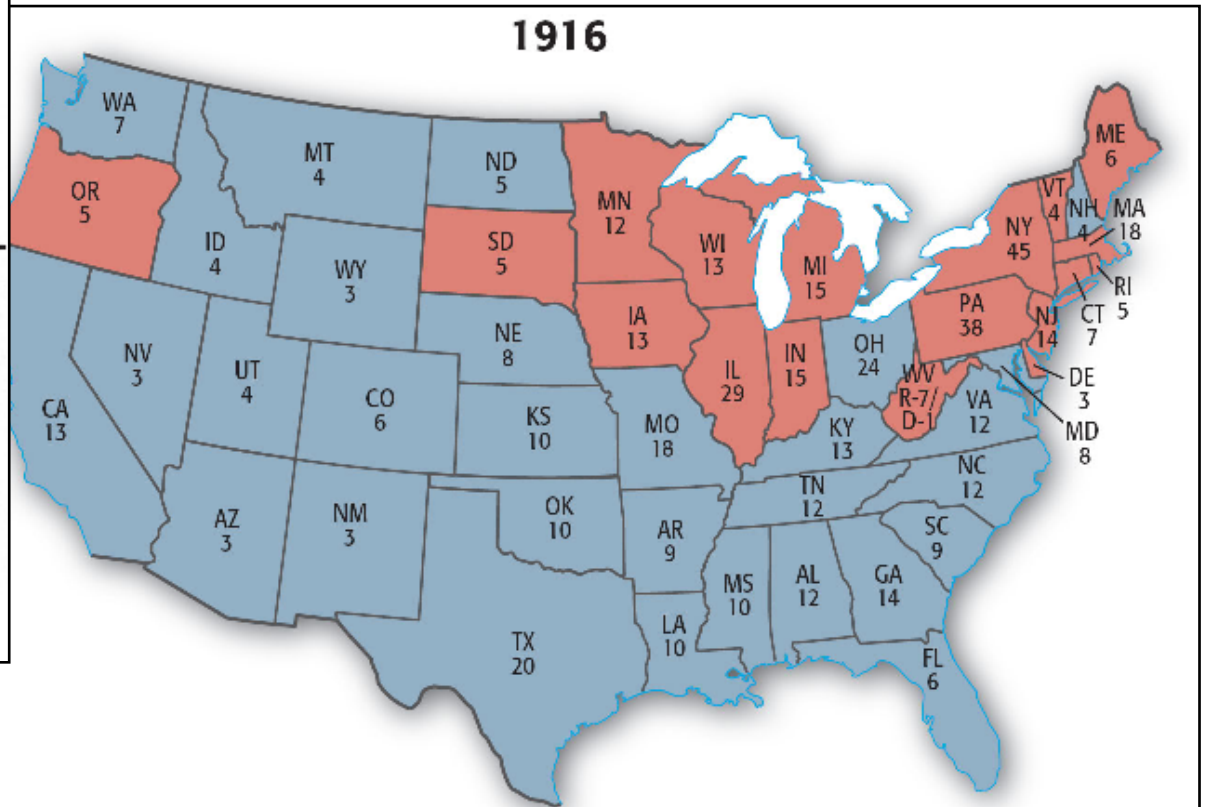
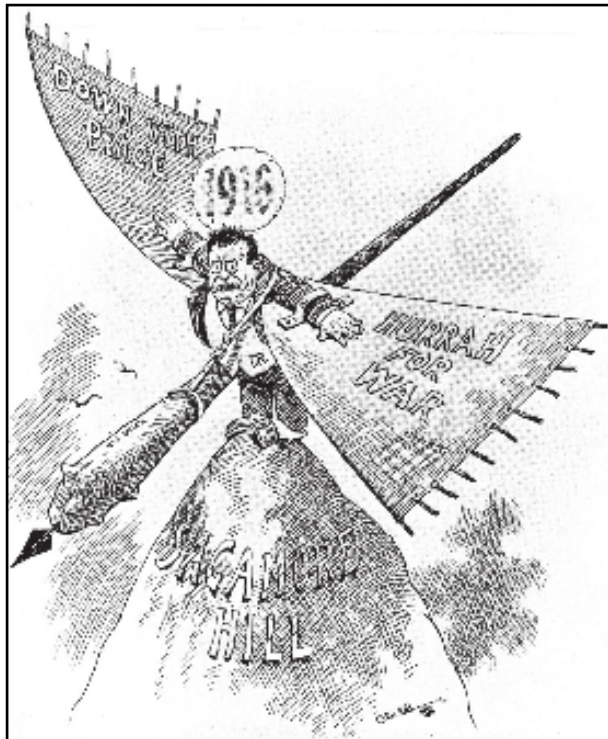
**128 Americans were killed**

**Lusitania was carrying weapons in the hold**

**Wilson demanded that Germany apologize and promise not to sink another unarmed passenger ship without warning**



# Election of 1916



Candidate (Party)	Electoral Vote	Popular Vote
Wilson (Democrat)	277 52.2%	9,127,695 51.7%
Hughes (Republican)	254 47.8%	8,533,507 48.3%