

**“The War to End War”
US Involvement in WWI**

1917-1918

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WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

via Galveston

JAN 19 1917

GERMAN LEGATION
MEXICO CITY

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Charge German Embassy.

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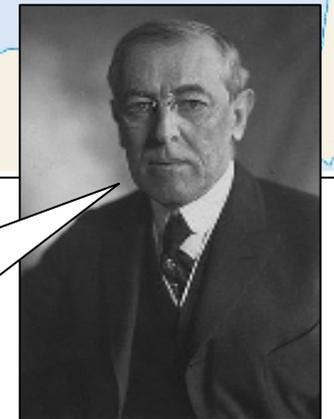
Causes of US Involvement

Jan 1917- After the Sussex Pledge, Germany announced their decision to continue w/ unrestricted sub warfare on ALL shipping

March 1917- Zimmerman Note exposed to American public

Russia topples into Civil War

German U-Boats sink 4 American merchant ships in Atlantic



Hey, Congress...

“14 Points” Speech

1918 Address to Congress:

- 1. No secret treaties...**
- 2. Freedom of the seas...**
- 3. Remove economic trade barriers...**
- 4. Reduce armaments**
- 5. Adjust colonial claims...**

- 14. Create international organization to provide for collective security**

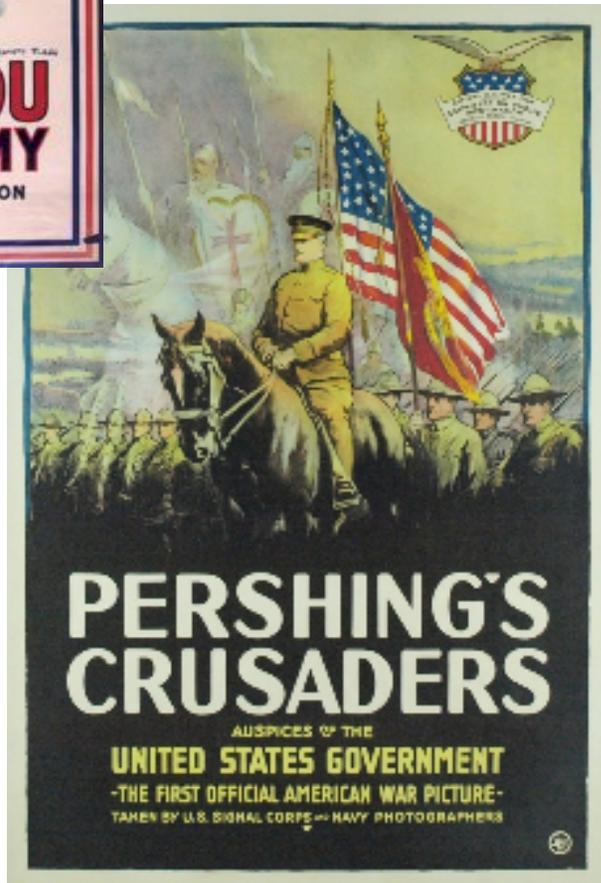
Idealistic vision for a better world



Wartime Economy



**Creel Committee
Posters used for
recruitment/support**



**War Industries Board:
precedent setting measure
Gov takes control of
economy in time of crisis**

**National War Labor Board:
Taft tried to stop labor
disputes that might upset
war production**

**AFL (Gompers) supported
the War, but IWW tried to
sabotage war effort**

**Draft instituted to raise
army quickly as European
manpower was depleted**

Dealing with Dissent

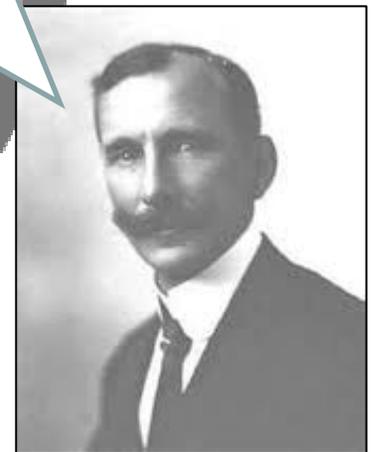
**The Espionage Act (1917)
and the Sedition Act (1918)
demonstrated anti-German
feeling in America**

**Prosecutions leveled
against antiwar Socialists,
German-Americans, and
the IWW (Wobblies)**

**Debs was imprisoned
under the Espionage act
for speaking against US
involvement in the War**

***Schenck v US* – SC upheld
law if “clear/present
danger” to the nation
existed**

**“Do not submit to
intimidation...”**



“Over There...”

Collapse of Eastern Front (1918) allowed German troops to be deployed in France (p757)

Over 2.8 million Americans drafted by the summer of 1918 and sent to Europe led by John Pershing

2nd Battle of the Marne (St. Mihiel) ended German Offensives in WWI

Meuse-Argonne Offensive



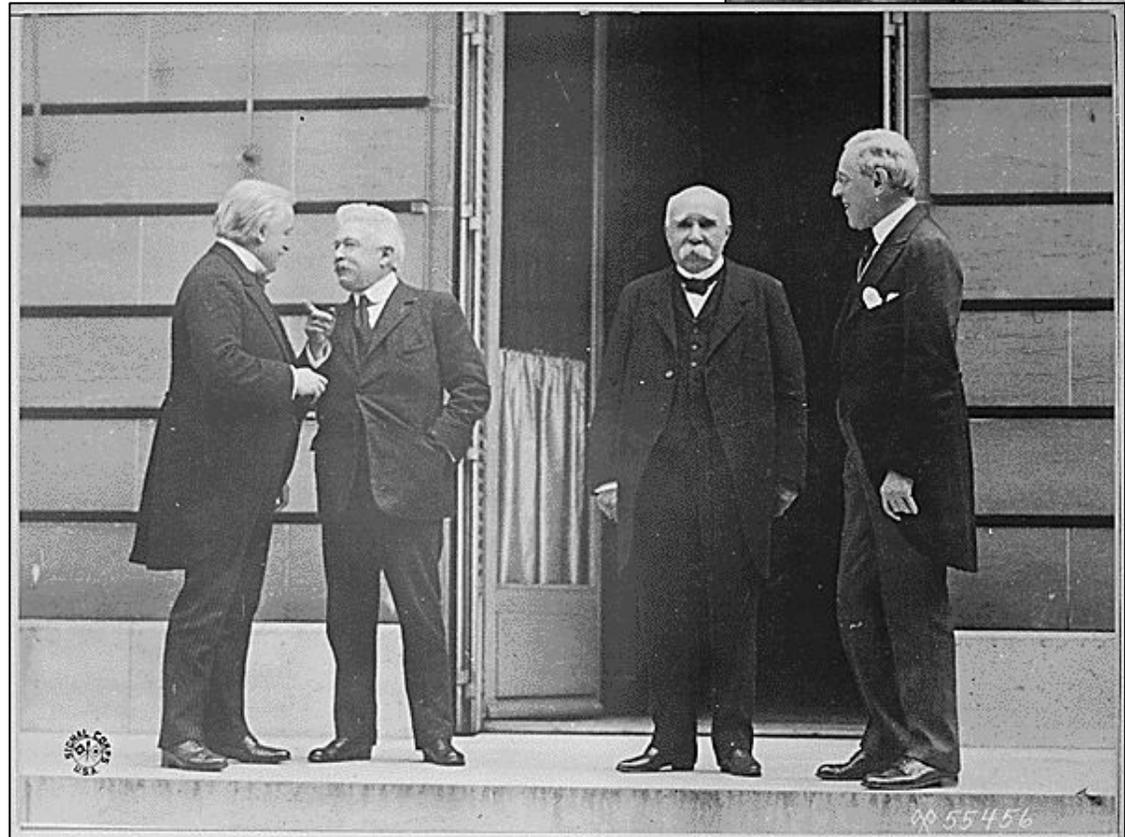
“Archangel”

Treaty of Versailles

**Armistice signed
with all Central
Powers 11-11-18**

**Wilson in Europe to
negotiate the terms
of the Treaty of
Versailles**

**Wilson wanted terms
based on 14 Points**



Further Reading

Wells, HG: The War in the Air; 1907

Prophetic vision of aerial warfare.

Hemingway, Ernest: A Farewell to Arms; 1929

semi-autobiographical novel about the life of a soldier in the Italian theater, and his personal relationships that end in heartbreak.