WWI: The First World

War1914-1918
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Causes of WWI

- <u>M.A.I.N.</u>
- M- ilitarism
- "Keeping up with the Jones", race among European nations to build the strongest military
- Imperialist acquisitions increased military spending, Germany and Britain spent the most
- Led to a sense of insecurity

Militarism

• Army Increase 1870-1914

• Russia	700,000	1,300,000
• France	380,000	846,000
• Germany	403,000	812,000
• U.S.A.	37,000	98,000

- Military Expenditure \$ spent per capita
- Germany \$8.52
- Britain \$8.53
- U.S.A. \$0.32

- Present Day Spending
- Germany \$470.70
- Britain \$524.48
- U.S.A. \$935.64

MAIN

- A-Iliances
- Europe divided into two camps
- 1872, Three
 Emperors League
 united Ger., Italy and
 Austria-Hungary Triple Alliance
- Russia, France, eventually joined by Britain - Triple
 Entente



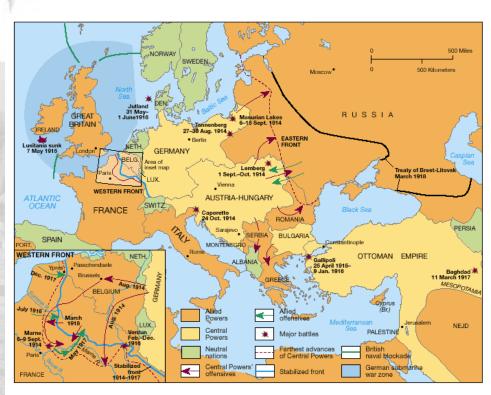
MAIN

- I-mperialism
- Industrialization
 spurred a race for
 economic growth,
 raw materials and
 new markets
- Nations often crossed paths (Germany and France in Morocco)



MAIN

- N-ationalism
- Created a strong, unified Germany and France
- The Balkans "the powder keg of Europe"- Austria-Hungary split in two – neighboring Serbia supported the Slavs, A-H annexed Bosnia, Austro and Serbian long battle
- Led to assassination that started the war

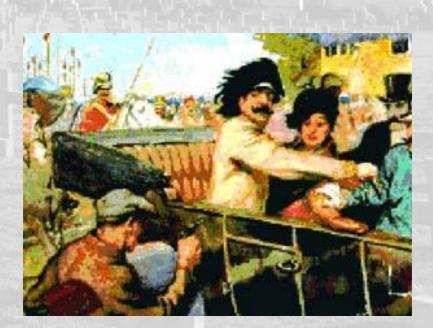


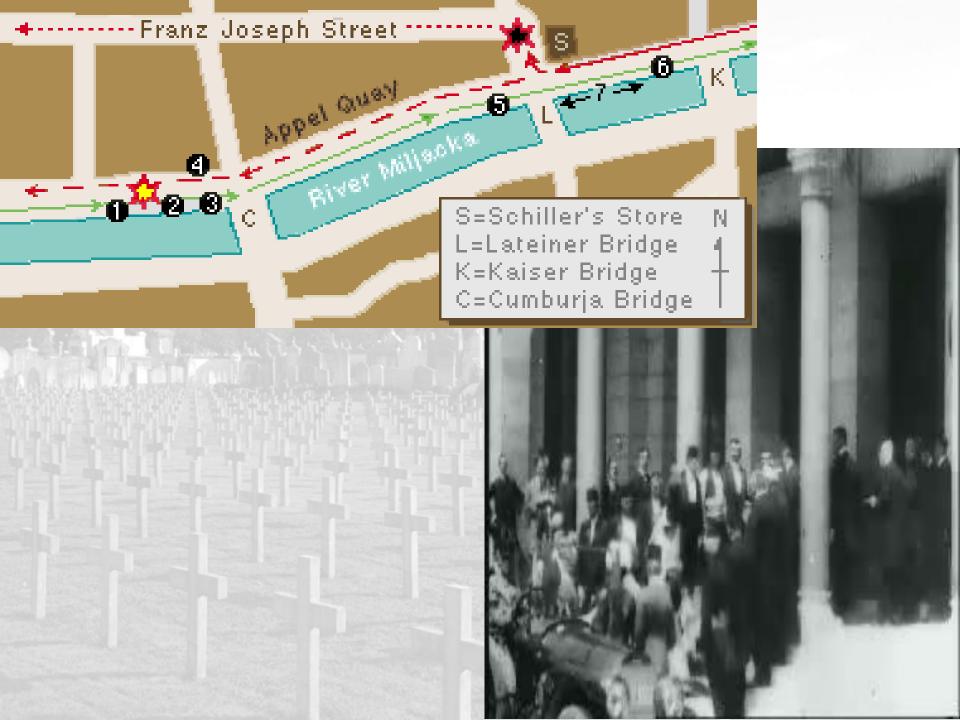
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War

- Assassination-Archduke Francis
 Ferdinand of Austro-Hungarian throne
- Talk of attack on Serbia by A-H
- Visiting Sarajevo on June 28, 1914
- Gavrilo Princip
 (Serbian) and the
 Black Hand (secret
 society) responsible







War Declared

- Assassination provided ideal context
- Germany support
- July 28, 1914, A-H
 declared war on
 Serbia
- Russia mobilizes
- Germany invades
 France
- Britain enters after
 Germany invaded
 Belgium



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Great War Begins 1914

- Central Powers =
 Germany and
 Austria Hungary,
 Ottoman Empire,
 location heart of
 Europe.
- Allied Powers =
 Great Britain,
 France, and
 Russia.

- War two fronts.
- Schlieffen Plan plan to attack France in the West and rushing east to fight Russia.
- First major battle on the Western Front.
 Germany forced to retreat, left Germany in ruins.

Trench Warfare

- 1915 opposing armies on the Western Front dug miles of parallel trenches to protect from enemy fire.
- Huge loss of lives, little gains of land.
- Trench life = misery, slept in mud, loud, dead among the alive, trench foot, "no mans land" and 1 mile apart.
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CgykKEhfEok



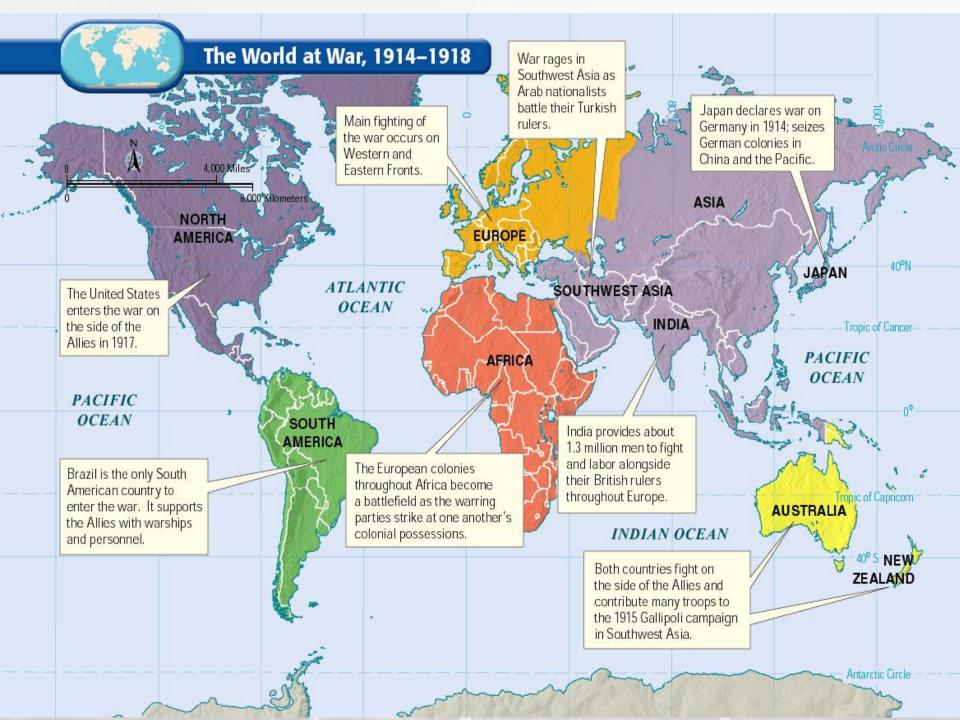


Global Conflict

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Global War

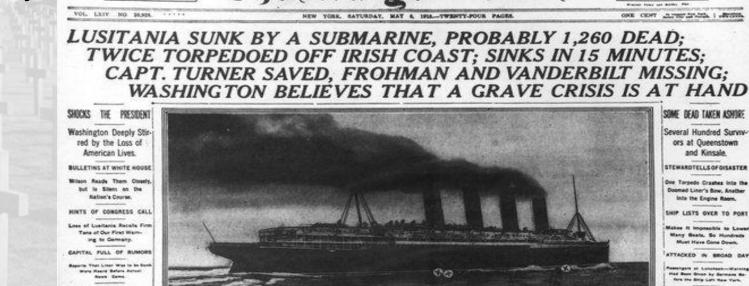
- Australia, Japan, and India join Allied Powers,
- Ottoman Turks, and Bulgaria joined Central Powers.
- New War fronts Africa = Germany's colonial possessions came under assault.
 Japanese overran German outposts.



America Joins the Fight

- May 1915, German u-boat sunk the British passenger ship Lusitania. Attack left 1,198 people dead including 128 U.S. citizens.
- Germany claimed the ship was carrying ammunition.
- American public was outraged. US sent strong protest to Germany.

 The New Hork Times. EXTRA



Only 650 Were Sased, Few Cabin Pessengers

Zimmerman Note

1917- British intercepted a telegram
 written by Germany's foreign secretary to
 Mexico, stating Germany would help
 Mexico "reconquer" land lost to the US if
 Mexico ally with Germany.

President Wilson declares war on

Germany

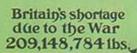


War and the Home Front

- Europe lost more men in battle than in all other wars
- Millions died, civilians affected
- Total war- all resources were devoted to the war. Women join workforce.
- Rationing- short supplies, ration butter to leather.
- Propaganda- one sided info designed to persuade moral and support

Canada's Butter Opportunity!

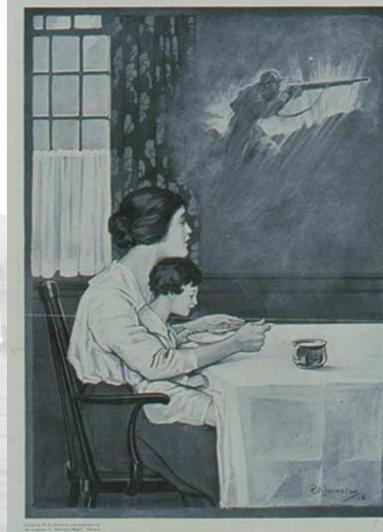
Britain bought before the War 452,795,264 lbs.



12 Years ago CANADA sold 33,888,074lbs.

2 Years ago CANADAsold only 6,993,100 lbs.

" CANADA must do better than this "Keep Britain's Butter Plate Full"



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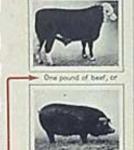




→SUPPLIES MORE PROTEIN THAN-



YOU'LL NEED LESS MEAT









A Postal Card Will Bring Recipes

for using this meat substitute U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

COTTAGE CHEESE



ASK YOUR POCKETBOOK





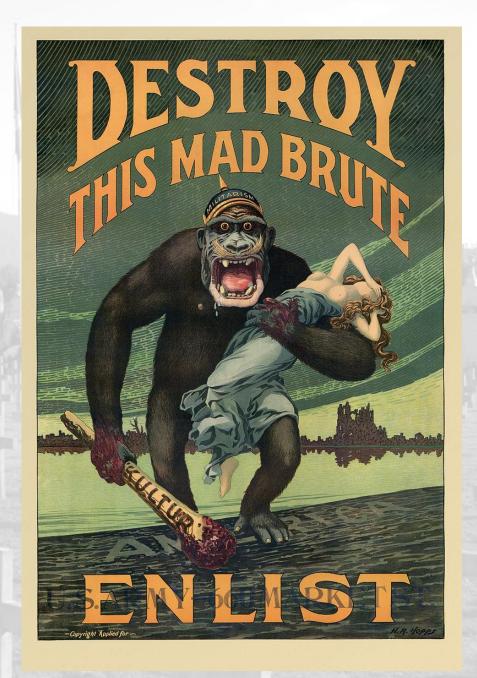
FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR

You came here seeking Freedom You must now help to preserve it

WHEAT is needed for the allies Waste nothing



I LIKE DOGS,



Allies Win the War

- US balanced the war
- Russia withdrawals war-related food shortages and fuel. 5.5 million soldiers wounded, killed, or imprisoned. Lead to Russian Revolution.
- Central Powers Collapse- Germany low on supplies, men, and reinforcements.
 German Kaiser stepped down, declared Germany a republic.
- Nov 1918- Germany forced to sign an armistice with France.

Legacy of the War

- New technology
- Global war
- Grand scale of human life. <u>8.5 million</u> soldiers dead, 21 million wounded, death of civilians.
- Destroyed land, left countries in debt/depression.



Flawed Peace

- Post-war = conference to establish peace at Versailles
- Wilson's 14 Point Plan- no secret treaties, freedom of the seas, free trade, and reduced national armies and navies.
- League of Nations = international association to keep peace.
- Forced Germany to pay back reparations, admit fault for war, loss of territory, and reduction of military.

