



# American History



# Module 4: The vacillating Giant

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Talk 25: The US and World War One (1914-1920)



# Talk 25: US and World War One

- Pre war world
- Maintaining neutrality 1914-1917
- US goes to war

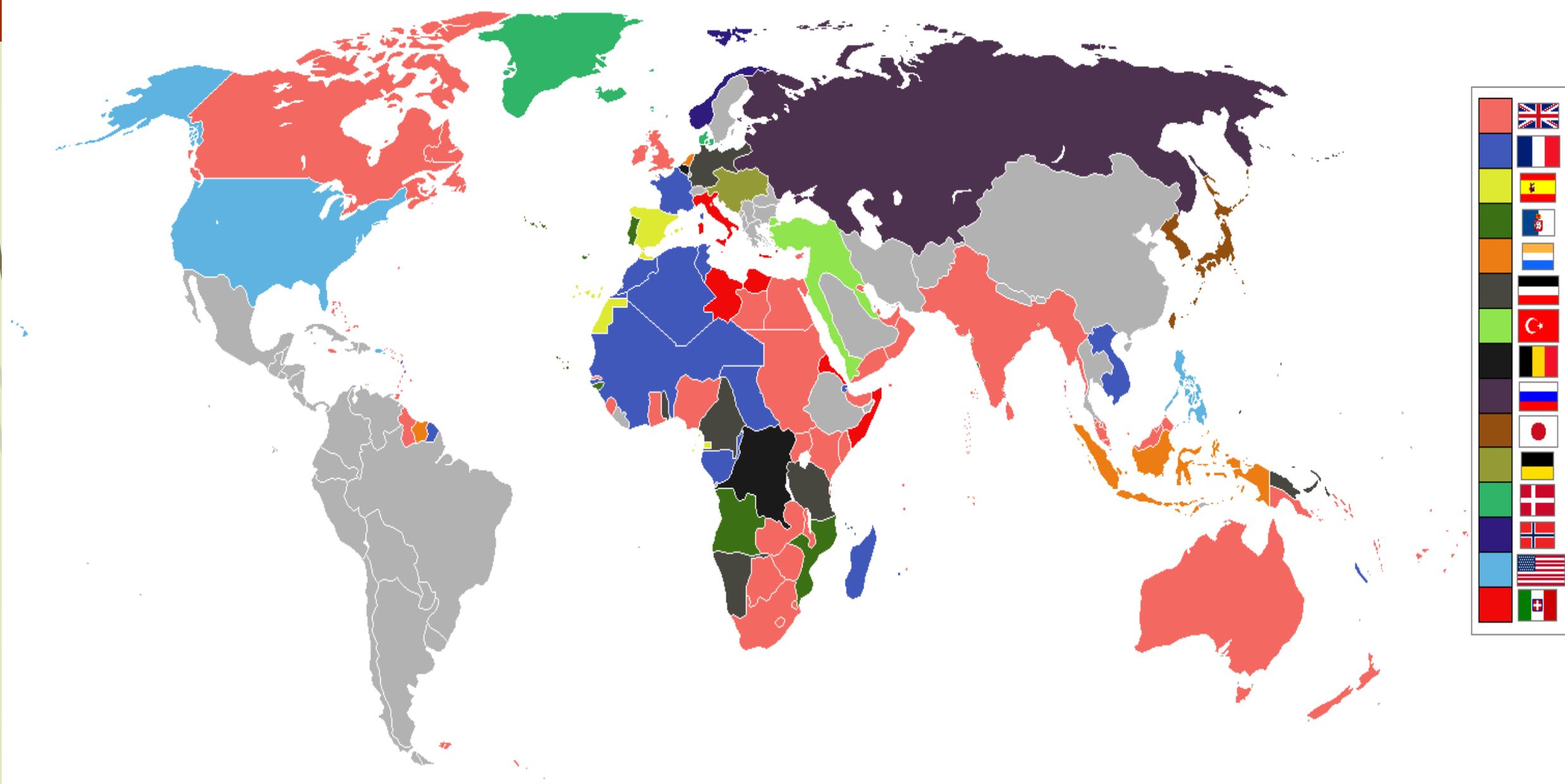
Musical interlude

- Western Front 1918
- Rendezvous at Versailles 1919



# USA and Pre World War One

# World 1914: Age competing Empires



# State of world 1914

- Empires in Conflict: war considered inevitable
  - Declining : China, Ottomans, Austria Hungary
  - Rising: Germany and Japan
  - Threatened by rise of Germany: Great Britain, France, Russia
  - Alliances in place, details secret
- USA isolated
  - Focus on internal prosperity
  - Immune from events overseas/ too powerful to threaten

Mexican Revolution will bring war to America

# The state of Mexico 1910

- Spanish colony 1519 -1820 : population of 6 million equal to USA
- 1820-1876 years of invasion civil war and chaos
  - Loss of 50% territory to USA & Texas, invasion by France
  - Civil wars between “conservatives vs reformists”
- “Porfiriato” 1876-1911: Stable ‘benevolent’ dictatorship Porfirio Diaz
  - Alliance army, church, land owners, foreign investors (primarily USA)
  - Modernisation and reform
  - Population rises to only 15 million (vs 100 million in USA) by 1910

# Mexico: collapse of the Porfiriato

Porfirio Diaz (1830-1915)



Rising discontent 1900....

...inequality 1% own 98%

...food shortages due to cash crops

...foreign ownership of land and industry

...strikes broken by use US mercenaries

Rising middle class demand reforms

...fraudulent elections

...US support for “democrats”

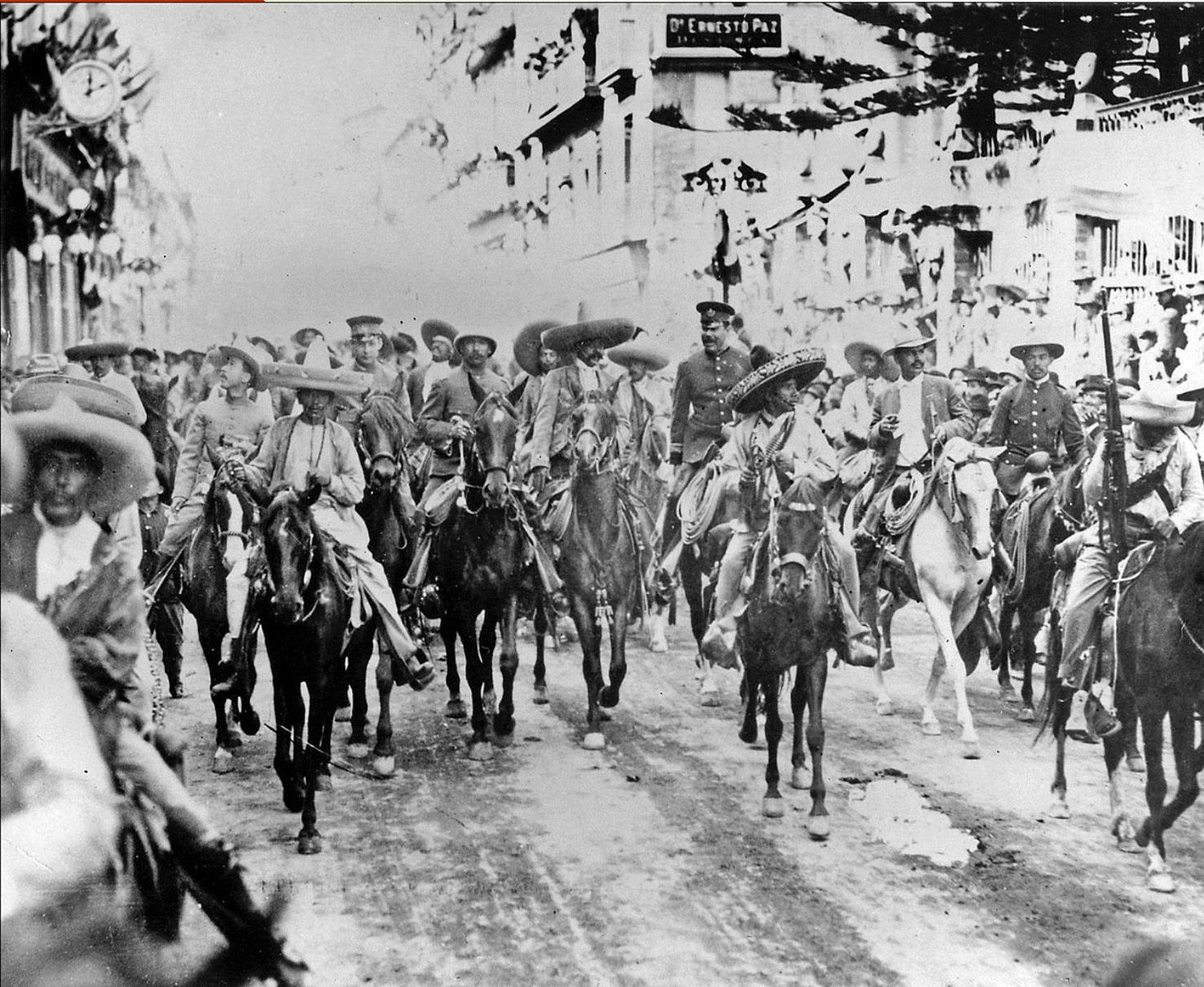
Porforio 80 years old

....no succession plan

....ousted by military coup

... exiled

# Revolution



Liberal revolt by wealthy  
Landowner Madero  
...promising land reform  
...alliance peasants, workers, army

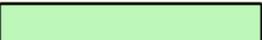
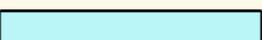
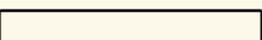
Revolutionaries seize Mexico City  
1911.....moment of unity

Madero loses control  
....reforms too slow  
....Federal army seizes power  
....Madero shot

Regions revolt:3 way war  
...army...General Huerta  
... (Pancho Villa- North, workers  
...(Emilio Zapata-South..peasants

# Mexican Revolution 1915: land of warlords



Pancho Villa	
Venustiano Carranza	
Emiliano Zapata	
Eulalio Gutiérrez	
José Inés Salazar	
Independent	

# US Intervention

US marines occupy Vera Cruz 1914



USA won't recognize Huerta  
....arms embargo  
....supports rebels

Huerta orders arms shipment  
..... Wilson thinks German plan  
.....British propaganda?

US invokes "Roosevelt Corollary"  
...occupies Vera Cruz  
...attempts to seize arms  
...200 Mexican, 20 US soldiers

Huerta exiled,  
New general Carrazon takes power  
....Constitution written  
....US evacuates Vera Cruz and  
abandons Villa & Zapata

# Carrazon seeks to crush rebels



# Rebel army of Pancho Villa:



# Soldaderas: fight on both sides



# Children at war



# Pancho Villa's grab for power



Annihilated by machine guns of "Federales" at battle of Celaya...loses 50,000 men

# War reaches USA

Columbus New Mexico March 1916



Ruins of Columbus, N.M. after being Raided by Pancho Villa.

W.H. Hornsby Co.  
El Paso, Tex.

Villa retreats to US Border  
Seeks to recover prestige  
seize weapons from arsenal

## Raids USA

500 men attacks town of Columbus  
20 civilians, burn town to ground

US army barracks mobilised  
cavalry charge  
100 Villa soldiers killed, 10 US

US outraged...Germans suspected

# US "invades" Mexico: Punitive expedition 1916/1917



Wilson sends 8,000 marines to catch/kill Villa

Army invades 100 miles south of border. Welcomed...at first

Minor skirmishes

Villa escapes

....national hero

....militarily weakened

US abandons efforts

...now at war with Germany

# End of the Revolution



Carrazon persuades Villa to "retire"

Sets up Peace Treaty with Zapata...has him shot

General Obregon seizes power...Carrazon shot

Obregon becomes first President 1920-1924  
....has Villa shot  
....assassinated 1928



# Maintaining Neutrality 1914-1917

# World War One

- War breaks out August 1914
  - Heir to Austrian throne assassinated by Serbian nationalists
  - Alliances triggered: Germany/ Austria/ Ottomans vs France, Russia, Britain
- President Wilson: US neutrality with no preference
- British announce blockade all trade to Germany November 1914
  - Wilson protests...demands “freedom of the seas”
  - Britain rejects demand
  - Agrees to purchase goods on any American ship seized
  - Wilson agrees to British terms and offers loans

# Americans vs War

US 1914 cartoon: "Dogs of war kept out!"



THE AMERICAN WAR-DOG  
(The American-German crisis, January-March, 1916)

- Wilson anglophile....frequent visitor, admirer Oxford
- Large German & Irish population 1910
  - 50% British
  - 15% German
  - 10% Irish
- Republicans pro war
  - Theodore Roosevelt "dog of war"
  - Declare Wilson is weak
- Wilson committed to peace

# Belgian atrocities

“Execution of the notables” Blegny 1914



Germany invades Belgium

- ..army mostly conscripts untrained
- ..told Belgium would surrender

Belgian civilians resist

German army goes bezerk

- ...5,000 civilians executed
- ...burn cathedral city of Louvain
- ...atrocities published (as in Cuba)

British commission Bryce Report 1915

- ....published in USA
- ....feeds anti German feelings

Propaganda.....but also true

# Submarine warfare 1914/15

## NOTICE!

TRAVELLERS intending to embark on the Atlantic voyage are reminded that a state of war exists between Germany and her allies and Great Britain and her allies; that the zone of war includes the waters adjacent to the British Isles; that, in accordance with formal notice given by the Imperial German Government, vessels flying the flag of Great Britain, or of any of her allies, are liable to destruction in those waters and that travellers sailing in the war zone on ships of Great Britain or her allies do so at their own risk.

IMPERIAL GERMAN EMBASSY

WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 22, 1915.

Stalemate on Western front

British blockade effective

...food shortages in Germany

...US accept British interference

Germany announce counter blockade

...30 operational submarines 1914

...sunk 21 merchant ships 1914

...doubles fleet to 60 1915..overconfident

Issue warning: sink “any” **British** ship

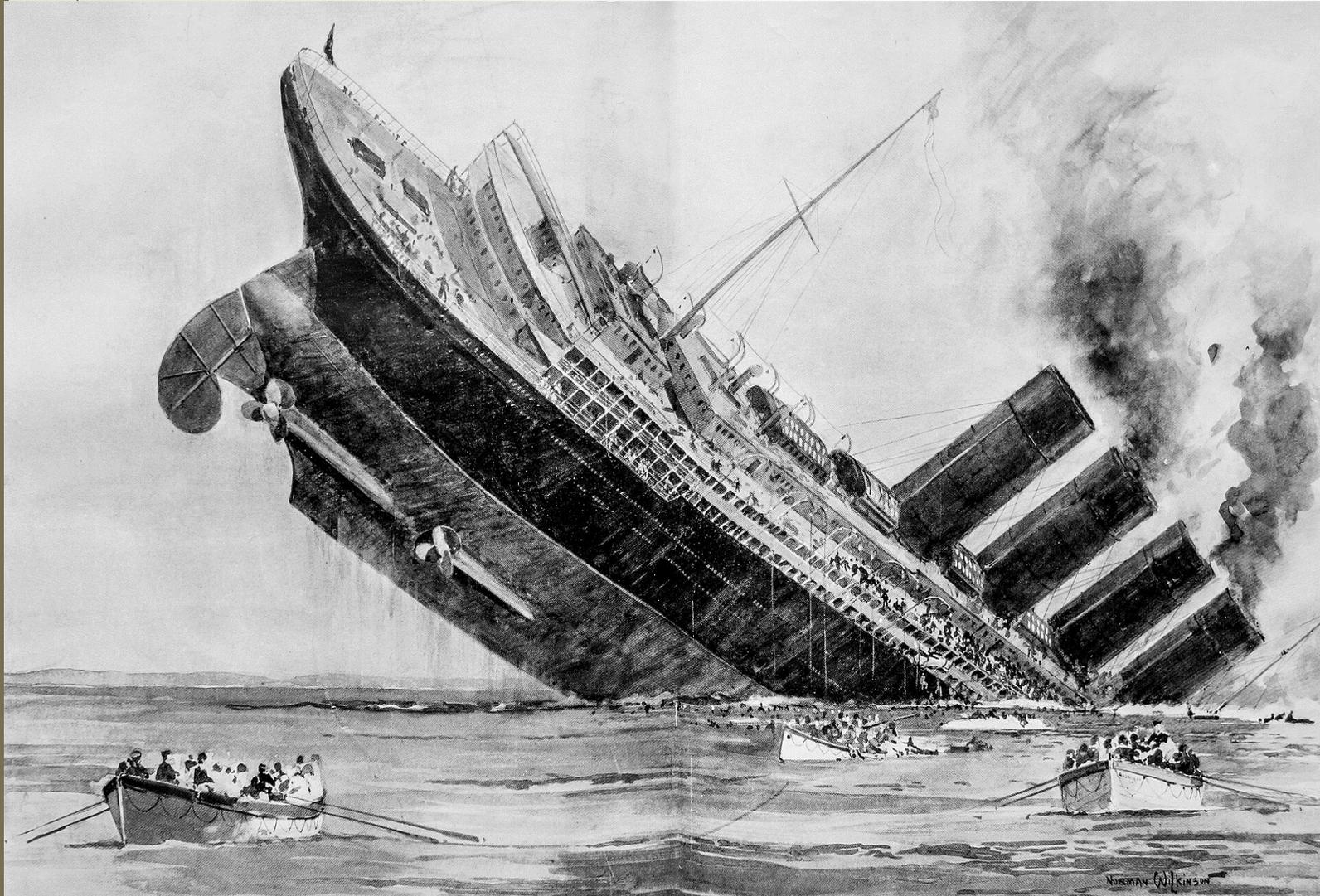
...50 US newspapers

...day before Lusitania leaves New York with 1,900 passengers and crew

.....and 173 tons armaments (guns& ammo

# Sinking of Lusitania

Sinking of Lusitania May 7, 1915



British passenger ship  
... largest in service  
...thought "too fast" for sub  
...escorts sent but can't find

Torpedoed off Irish coast  
.....1,200 out 1,900 die  
....126 Americans

No warning, sub submerged  
....flying British flag  
...secondary explosion

Outrage in USA  
... "barbaric Huns"  
...demand apology

Germans applaud  
...legitimate target  
munitions interceded

# Impact of Lusitania sinking

- ▶ Diplomatic crisis US and Germany
  - ▶ Germany refuses apology
  - ▶ Blames munitions/Gave warning
  - ▶ Britain...no regrets...munitions small arms only and within law
- ▶ Wilson imposes restraint : “There is such a thing as a man being too proud to fight. There is such a thing as a nation being so right that it does not need to convince others by force that it is right.” ....(US “too proud to fight)
- ▶ Germany changes tactics
  - ▶ Expresses “regret” over incident
  - ▶ Abandons “unrestricted warfare
  - ▶ Restricts sinking to merchant ships only

# Events 1915...1916

- In the US:
  - Wilson and Democrats win election of 1916 “He kept us out of the war”
  - Public opinion increasingly pro Allies (Belgium, Lusitania)
  - US providing loans to allies but not Germans
    - ...\$10Bn by 1918 (\$100m Germany)...Morgan’s 1% commission
- War continues
  - Allied and German offensives fails, naval stalemate at Jutland
  - Russian army and state falling apart
  - German Submarines effective (100 deployed, 1,000 ships sunk)
  - German harvest fails.....malnutrition expanding

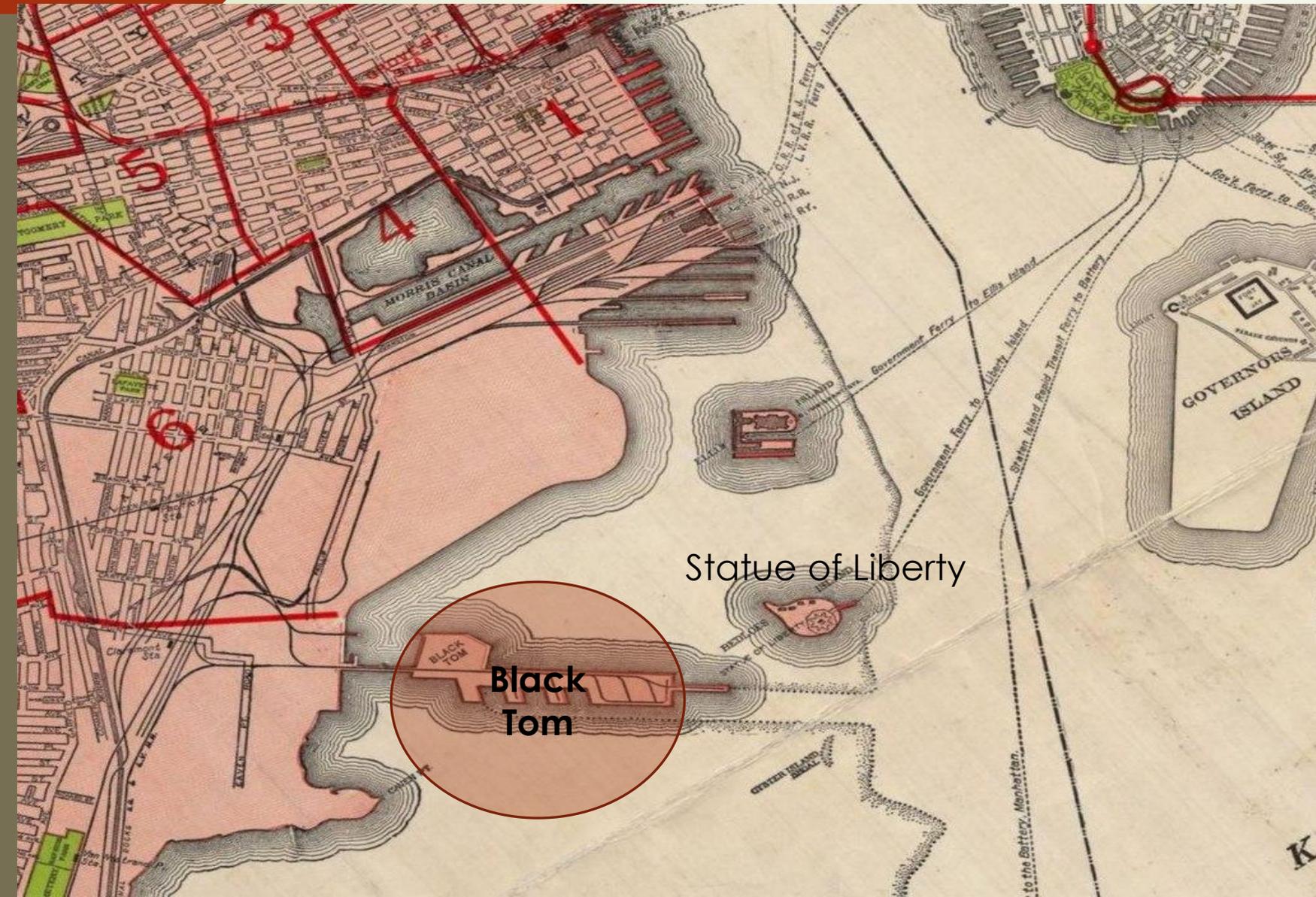
**Germany must change strategy...or lose**

# German Decisions

- ▶ Russia can be removed from war
  - ...` .regime unstable...Revolution of February 1917
  - ....support Bolsheviks “bread and peace”
- ▶ Americans will inevitably join the war to recover loans made to allies.
- ▶ Britain and France can be defeated before Americans arrive
  - ▶ “Unrestricted warfare” to starve Britain
    - ...submarines increasingly effective ..1,000 ships sunk 1916, 3,000
  - ▶ Concentrate army on Western front to crush French and British

Americans will take 2 years to mobilise  
...can be delayed by “distractions”

# Big Tom: Jersey Harbour



US selling munitions to anyone  
...British blockade  
...munitions to Allies only

Munitions stored in NY  
Before shipment at  
"Black Tom"

German agents target  
....guards  
....security

Set off bombs July 31, 1916

# Biggest explosion recorded to date ....45K explosions for Russia: earthquake 5.5

Largest explosion recorded to date  
windows shattered 25 miles away  
5.5 scale local earthquake

4 killed, \$20m in  
Damage, 2,000 tons of TNT for  
Russia, 4 killed, 100 rail cars  
...Statue of Liberty damaged  
...agents captured

Wilson does not retaliate  
....Jan 1917 “Peace without victory”  
...offers to act as “peace broker

Germans assess Wilson as weak



# Zimmerman telegram

**WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM**  
NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

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

GERMAN LEGATION  
MEXICO CITY

via Galveston

JAN 19 1917

862.20112/524

130	13042	13401	8501	115	3528	416	17214	6491	11310
18147	18222	21560	10247	11518	23677	13605	3494	14936	
98092	5905	11311	10392	10371	0302	21290	5161	39695	
23571	17504	11269	18276	18101	0317	0228	17694	4473	
22284	22200	19452	21589	67893	5569	13918	8958	12137	
1333	4725	4458	5905	17166	13851	4458	17149	14471	6706
13850	12224	6929	14991	7382	15857	67893	14218	36477	
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21001	17388	7446	23638	18222	6719	14331	15021	23845	
3156	23552	22096	21604	4797	9497	22464	20855	4377	
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6929	5275	18507	52262	1340	22049	13339	11265	22295	
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BEPNSTOPFF.

Charge German Embassy.

Germans to launch “unrestricted submarine war February 1917  
 ....all ships a target  
 ...attack “without warning”

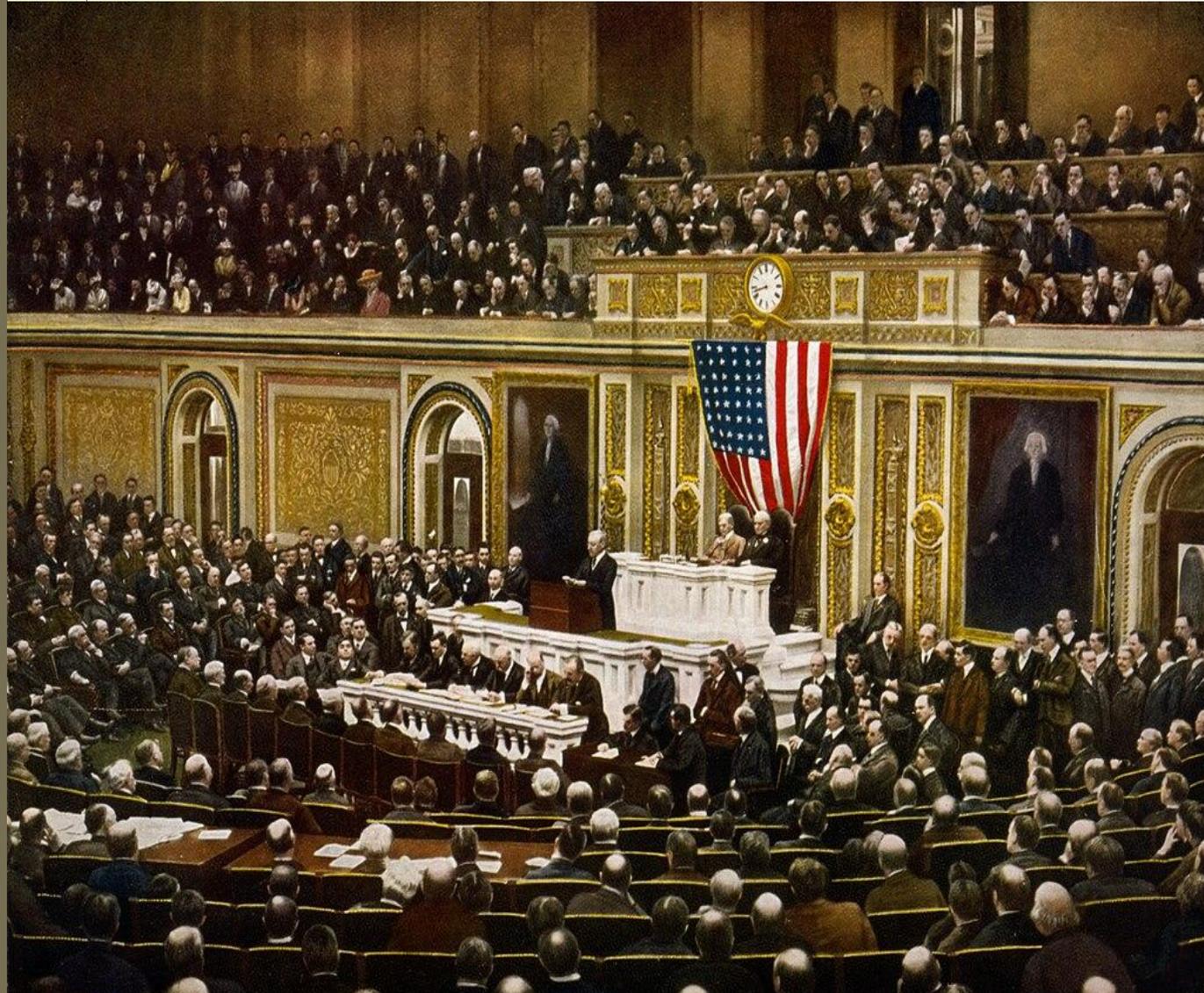
Ambassador Zimmerman's telegram  
 ....announce “unrestricted war  
 .... incites Mexico to recover land lost to USA  
 ... suggest united attack with Japan

British intercept...decode..release to US

Viewed as “act of war” by Wilson

# US goes to war April 6, 1917

## Wilson addressing Congress



German announce “Unrestricted war” effective April 1st

Wilson: “attack on US sovereignty”  
....Germany telling US where to trade  
....Speech to Congress: “World must be made safe for democracy”

Congress votes for war  
..Senate 82-6, House 373-50

Anti war (Democrats) argue  
British equally guilty  
..prevent trade with Germans  
..purpose of war financial!



US goes to war

# State of US April 1917

- Financial infrastructure to finance war not in place
- Large anti British immigration population
  - 15% population German, 10% Irish background
- US Regular army too small to make an impact
  - 180,000 strong vs 5 million German army)
  - No modern war experience, artillery, logistics

Wilson must create financial structure and crush dissent

# Crushing domestic opposition

## Espionage and Trading with enemy act April 1917

- Crime to broadcast enemy success/ convey information to enemy
- Post office intercepts suspect mail
- Punishable by 30 years....or death

## ➤ Alien and Sedition Act May 1918

- Crime to “any disloyal, profane, scurrilous, or abusive language about the form of government of the United States ... or the flag of the United States, or the uniform of the Army or Navy”.
- Enforced fast and with rigour
  - All films, books considered anti British banned
  - 10,000 arrested and imprisoned till war’s end
  - Eugene Debs Socialist jailed
  - Movie producer “Spirit of 76” Robert Goldstein...considered anti British

# Creating financial infrastructure

## ➤ Income Tax

- Introduced during civil war, removed 1872
- 16<sup>th</sup> Amendment passed 1913 to reduce reliance on tariffs
- Reintroduced 1917...top rates raised to 77%

## ➤ Liberty Bonds

- First issue for \$2Bn April 1917 @ 3 1/2 % interest
- \$20Bn raised by September 1918
- Interest tax exempt

Committee of Public Information established to Sell the war  
.....frenzy of propaganda launched

# Selling Liberty bonds (Douglas Fairbanks Jr 1917)



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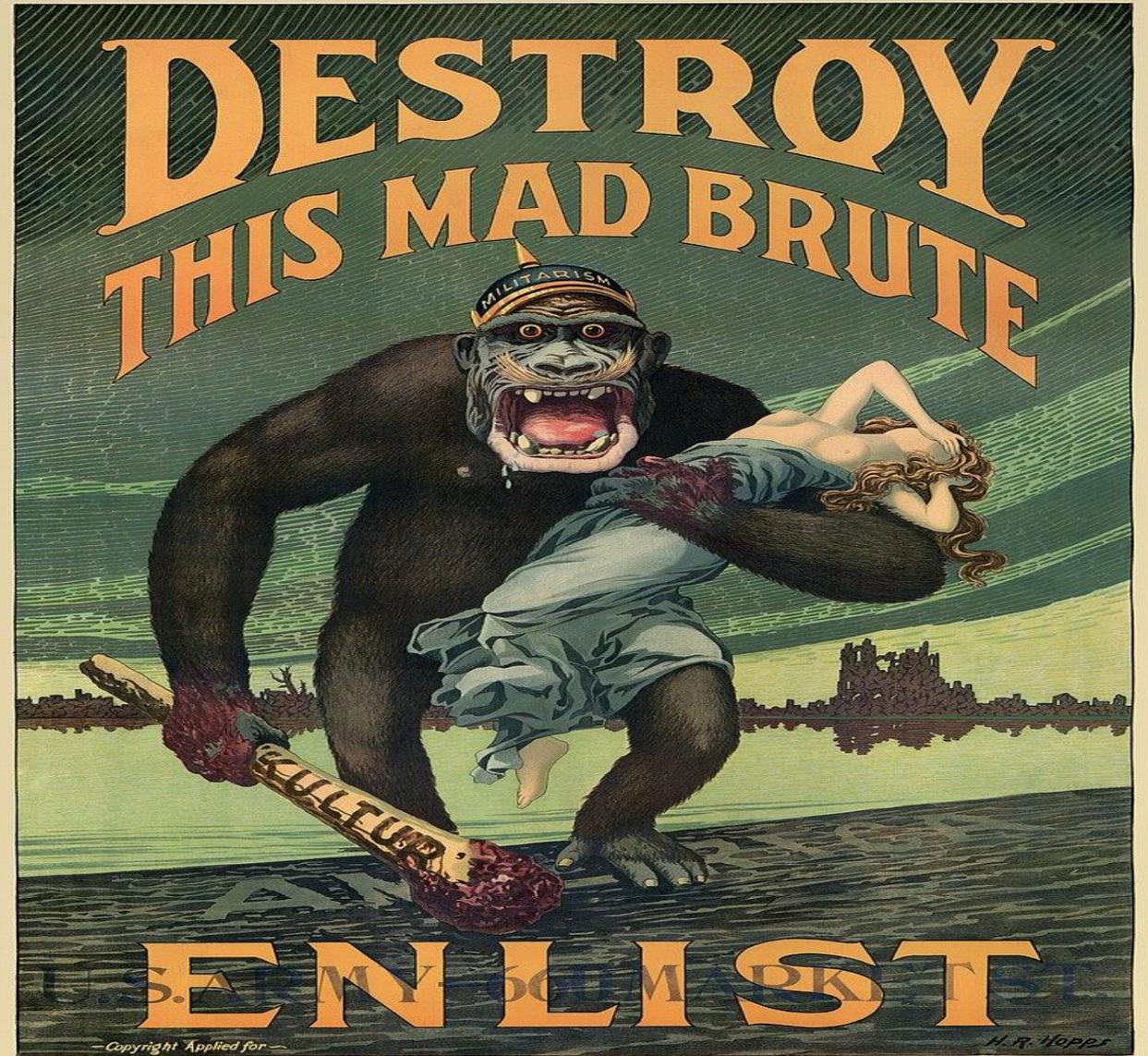


# Committee of Public Information



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**I WANT YOU**  
**FOR U.S. ARMY**  
NEAREST RECRUITING STATION



**ENLIST**

# Recruiting posters

Flag waving...young men

...even to African Americans

# U.S. MARINES



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# FIRST *TO FIGHT IN FRANCE FOR FREEDOM*

ENLIST WITH THE "SOLDIERS OF THE SEA"

APPLY



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Appeals to women

Making war “sexy”

....and maternal



# Appeals to women

Joan of Arc Saved France



Haskell Coffin

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**W.S.S.** WOMEN OF AMERICA  
WAR SAVINGS STAMPS  
ISSUED BY THE  
UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT  
**SAVE YOUR COUNTRY**  
*Buy* **WAR SAVINGS STAMPS**  
UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT



**FIGHT**

OR

**BUY BONDS**

THIRD  
LIBERTY LOAN

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# “Over There” (George Cohen 1917)

Johnnie get your gun, get your gun, get your gun,  
Take it on the run, on the run, on the run;  
Hear them calling you and me;  
Every son of liberty.

Hurry right away, no delay, go today,  
Make your daddy glad, to have had such a lad,  
Tell your sweetheart not to pine,  
To be proud her boy's in line.



Over there, over there,  
Send the word, send the word over there,  
That the Yanks are coming, the Yanks are coming,  
The drums rum-tumming everywhere.

So prepare, say a prayer,  
Send the word, send the word to beware,  
We'll be over, we're coming over,  
And we won't come back till it's over over there.



Johnnie get your gun, get your gun, get your gun,  
Johnnie show the Hun, you're a son-of-a-gun,  
Hoist the flag and let her fly,  
Like true heroes do or die.

Pack your little kit, show your grit, do your bit,  
Soldiers to the ranks from the towns and the tanks,  
Make your mother proud of you,  
And to liberty be true.



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## Talk 25 US and WW1 Part Two

# The War 1917

## Russian collapse

- March Revolution establish ... "Provisional Govt" attempts to continue war
- Allies send 100,000 troops to provide support vs Germany
- October...Bolsheviks seize power "bread and peace"
  
- French March offensive fails catastrophically.....army mutinies
  
- British autumn offensive in Flanders fails...due to mud/not stupidity
  
- Peak U Boat success:
  - 3,000 merchant ships sunk, 200 U boats operating
  - Britain 6 weeks from starvation

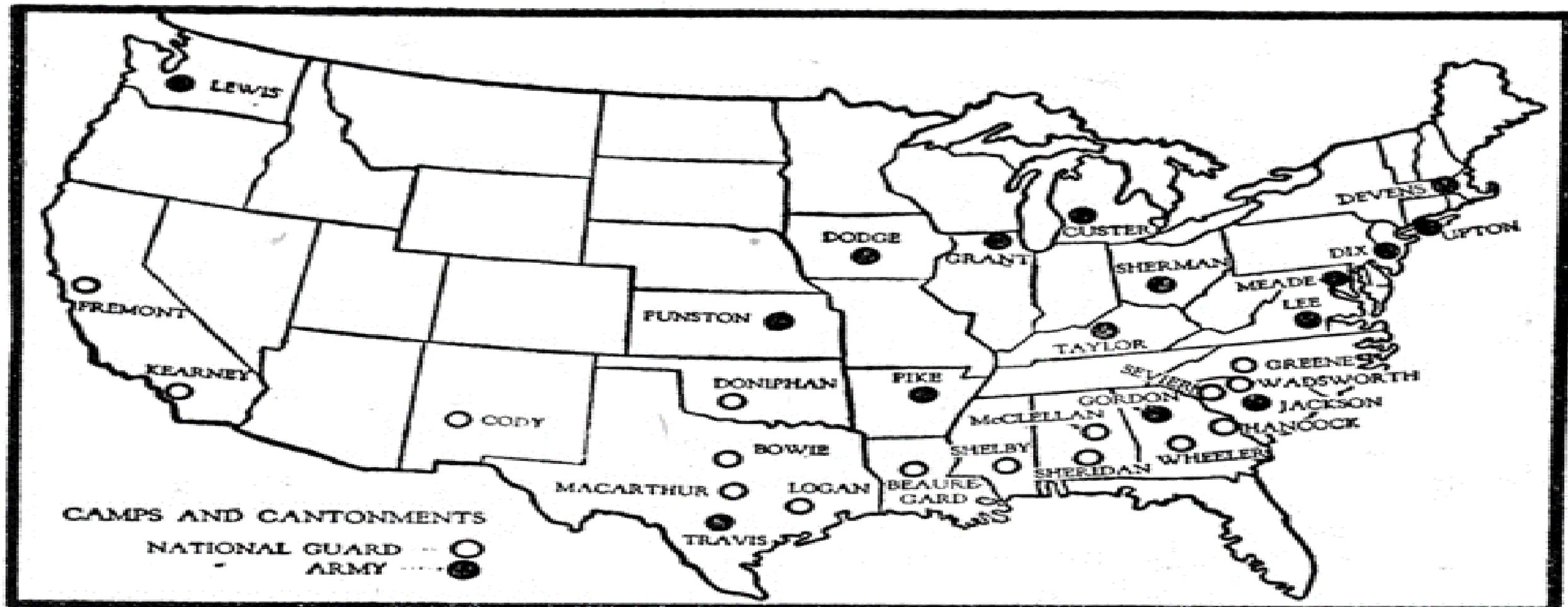
Germans transfer 800,000 soldiers from East to crush allies  
..... Race is on....German spring offensive vs American arrival

# Challenge of US mobilisation

- Regular US army in 1917 only 180,000,
  - Scattered across USA and Philippines, No experience modern war
  - No artillery, trucks, logistics systems
  - Largest military unit regiment...need brigades, divisions, corps
- 4,000,000 men needed
  - 2 million volunteers
  - 2.8 million drafted
  - 400,000 blacks (40,000 in combat roles)

# US mobilises at pace:

- ... 32 army camps created in 6 months
- .....most in the South (martial spirit)
- .....enforced segregation white/ black regiments



Each camp 30,000 men  
...constructed in days  
...unsanitary, crowded, shock to soldiers, communities

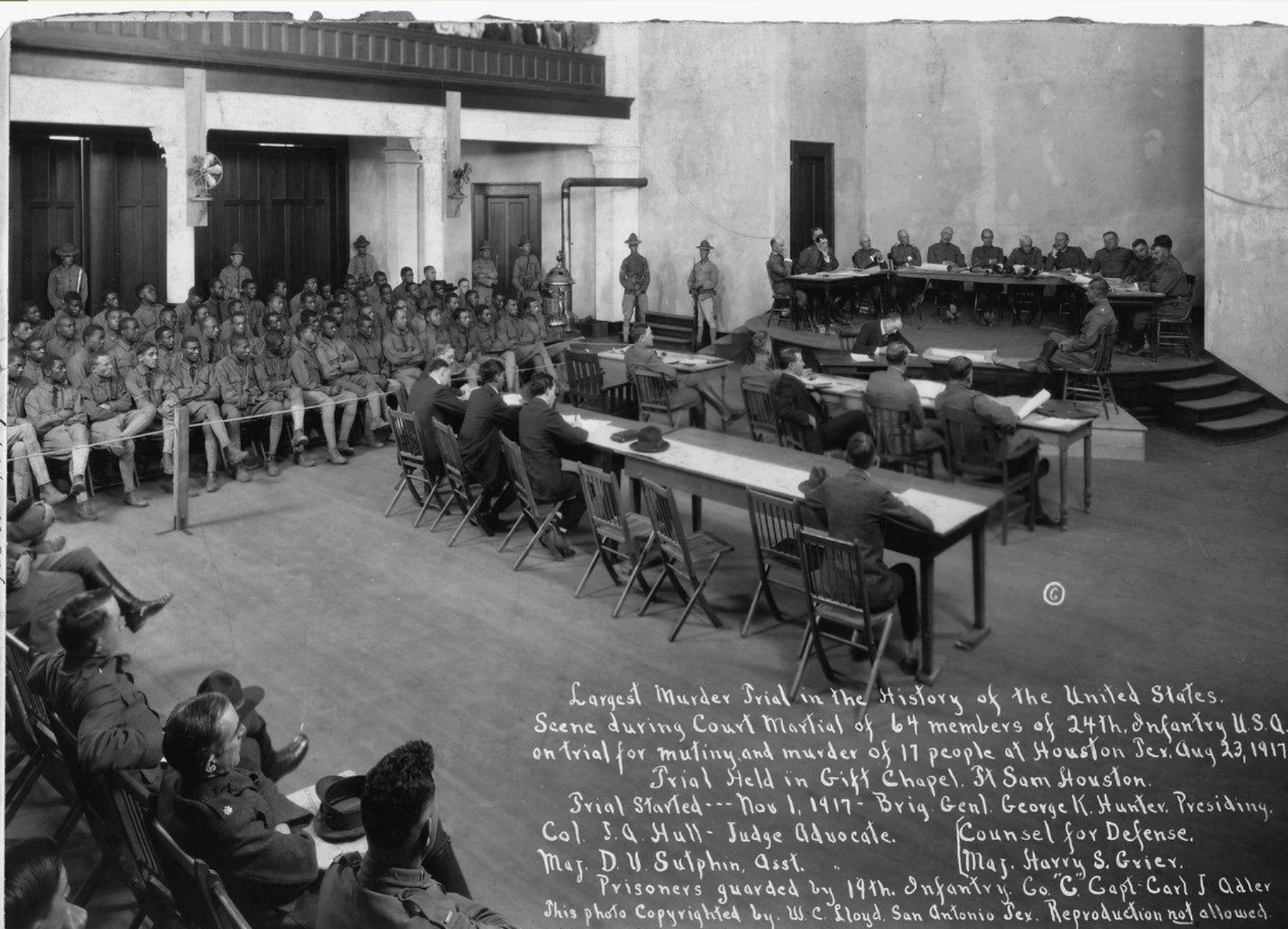


# Training at home 1917



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# The problem of race Houston Race Riot August 1917



Black regiments  
Created/white officers

Segregated from  
Whites...humiliated  
By locals...violence

Local police all white  
Raid camp, blacks  
Retaliate: 20 killed

Largest murder trial US  
History...115 soldiers  
Court martialled

19 hanged. Wilson  
Commutes balance  
...portent for future

# At training...at rest



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# Marching to docks



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# US soldiers arriving in France



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# Wilson sets out purpose of war: 14 Points

- “Peace without Victory”: no mention of reparations
- League of Nations to be established to solve disputes
- Freedom of the seas
- Empires of Austria, Russia devolved into nations based on ethnicity
- Treaties to be open and transparent
- Germany to abandon Belgium, occupied France, Alsace Lorraine
- German & Ottoman Colonies to become “Mandates” ...readied for freedom

Reaction of public: ....mass adulation across Europe

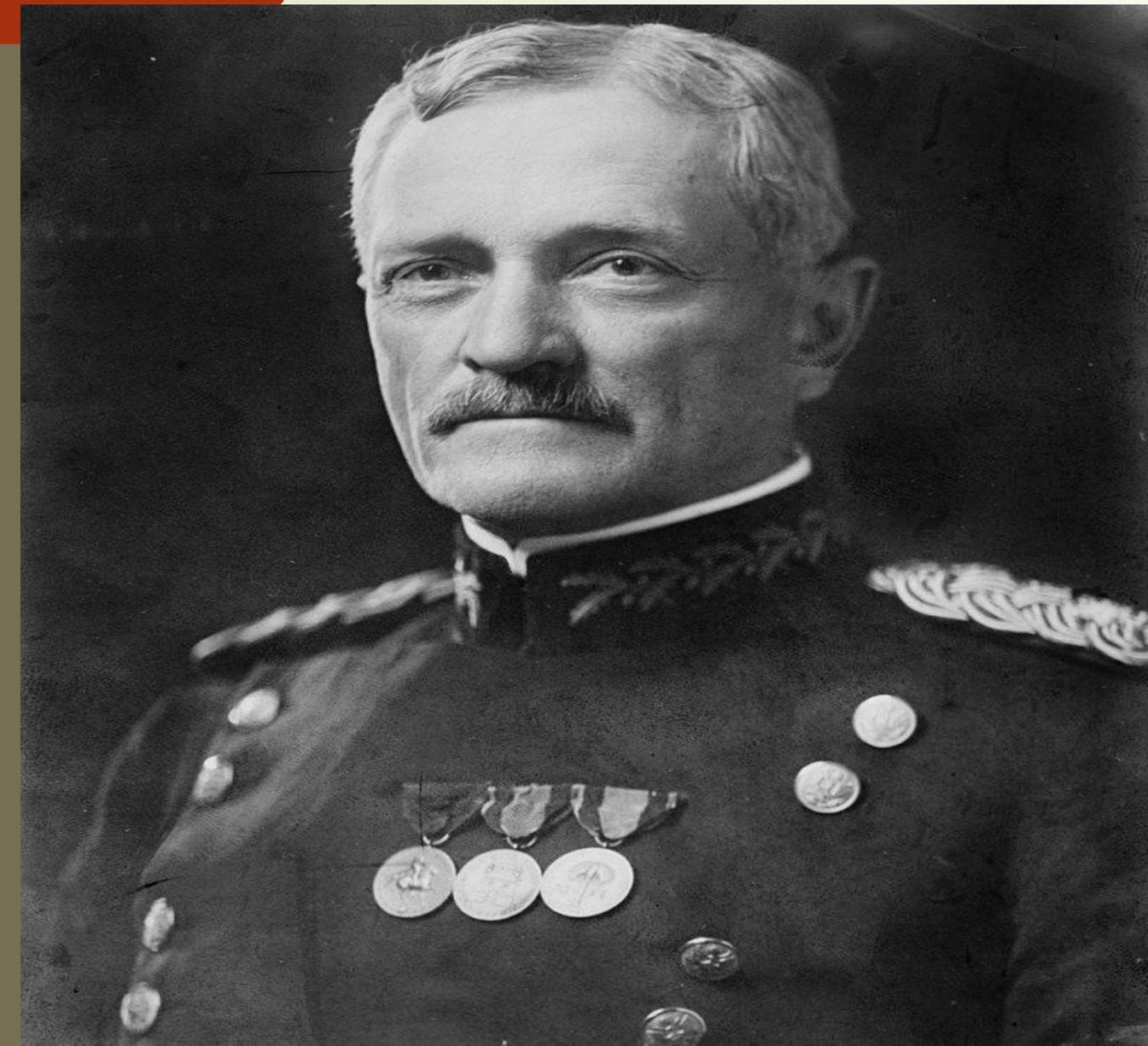
Reaction of governments: British/ French/ Germans...contempt

....Germans expect total victory in Spring

# War situation Spring 1918

- Germans transfer 800,000 troops to Western Front
- Convoy system in place and increasingly effective..10,000 US troops arriving per day
- US army disengaged April 1917- May 1918
  - 140,000 troops in France December 1917, 500,000 May 1918
  - Pershing refuses to engage till training complete and Independent command secured
  - Black soldiers transferred to French army to avoid “contamination”
- Chaos in Russia
  - Peace treaty signed between Germany and Bolsheviks (Reds)
  - Civil war “Reds” vs “Whites”
  - Allied army of 100,000 (including 13,000 US) sent to North Russia and Siberia
    - Support “Whites” to rejoin war vs Germany & protect allied munitions

# “Black Jack” Pershing (1860-1948)



General during Philippine War  
...led black regiments vs Moros  
..10,000 men Punitive Expedition vs Pancho Villa

Wife & 3 daughters killed in  
Fire 1915...nervous breakdown

No experience commanding large army

Under orders to maintain independent  
Command and enforce segregation  
....hates British/ dislikes French

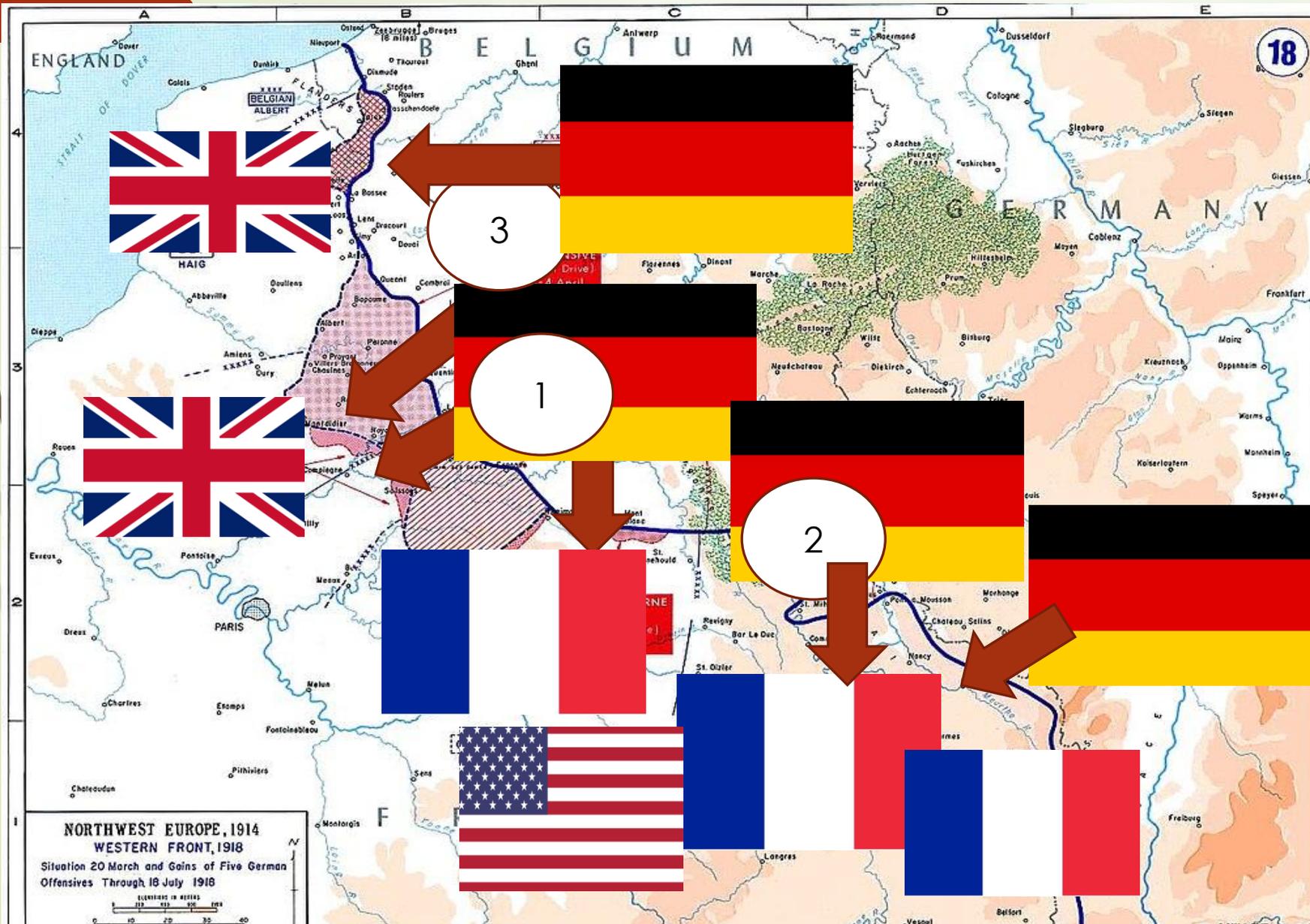
Committed to offensive warfare

Focus on training and logistics till  
convinced army ready to fight



Germans do not wait.....

# German Spring Offensive March-July 1918



3 Offensives, 4m men  
...destroy British army  
...French to surrender

1. March/April: Crush British at Somme  
...gains 20 miles  
...British 5<sup>th</sup> army smashed  
...Stopped by logistics  
..high losses

2. May/June: Crush French  
...minimal gains  
...US troops agree to support  
...effective counter attacks  
St Michel/ Bellau Woods

3. June/July crush British at Chanel ports  
...fails...British prepared  
...Germans out of men

# German Offensive outcome

- ▶ Pyrrhic “victory” for Germans...gain 20 miles
  - ▶ 400,000 British, 400,000 French killed/ wounded/captured
  - ▶ Germans lose 700,000 irreplaceable soldiers
- ▶ US troops engaged....at last
  - ▶ 10,000 casualties (Belleau Wood, Soissons, Chantilly)
  - ▶ Prove effectiveness and aggression
  - ▶ 10,000 American reinforcements arrive per day
- ▶ Allies adopt unified command: General Foch

**All armies face new threat: Influenza epidemic**

# Influenza Epidemic

## ➤ Origins:

- most likely pig farms by US military basis
- possibly China: bird flu)

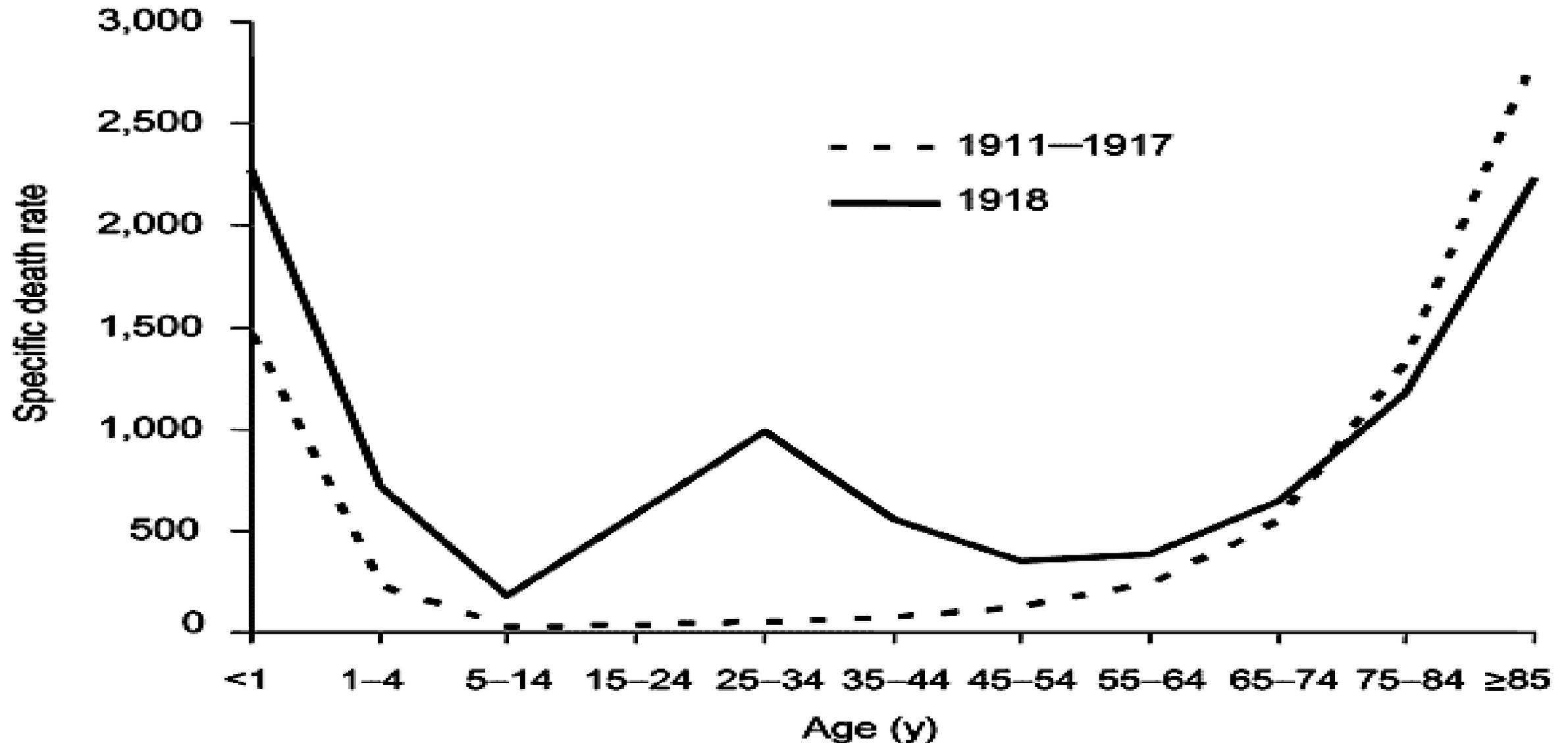
## ➤ Waves

- First: Spring 1918 ..1% lethal
- Second wave Autumn 1918 Lethality increases to 10% infects 33%
- Spreads across armies
- Third wave early 1919....lethality approx. 2%

## ➤ Military response (domestic/world impact next talk)

- “State Secret” till wave 2...priority “winning the war no matter cost
- Disproportionate effect Germany.....poor diet due to blockade

# Impact concentrated on 20-35 year olds



# Warehouses converted to hospitals July 1918



# Public response (1)

Published 3 times a week. Subscription 6c per week.  
Illustrated Current News, Inc., 962 Chapel Street,  
New Haven, Conn.

ILLUSTRATED CURRENT NEWS

Entered as second class matter October  
20, 1913, at the Post Office at New Haven,  
Connecticut, under Act. of March 3, 1879.

Vol. 1 No. 785  
October 18, 1918



## To Prevent Influenza!

Do not take any person's breath.  
Keep the mouth and teeth clean.  
Avoid those that cough and sneeze.  
Don't visit poorly ventilated places.  
Keep warm, get fresh air and sun-  
shine.

Don't use common drinking cups,  
towels, etc.

Cover your mouth when you cough  
and sneeze.

Avoid Worry, Fear and Fatigue.

Stay at home if you have a cold.

Walk to your work or office.

In sick rooms wear a gauze mask  
like in illustration.

# Making masks 1918



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# Masks...the only available response



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# Impact of Influenza on war

- Winning war priority
- News of deaths suppressed...USA, Britain, France & Germany
  - US Army will lose 60,000 to disease vs 50,000 to combat
  - German army weakened more than allies....effect of blockade
- Allied Command...Great Offensive to continue regardless

# 100 days offensive August-November 1918

- Allied army 6.5 million strong
  - French 2.5 million
  - British 2 million
  - US 1.9 million (increasing 10k per day!)
- German army 3.5 million
  - Starvation breaking out in Germany...threat of revolution
  - Army fatalistic but intact
  - Uboat campaign failing
    - 1917 40 Uboats sunk, 3,000 merchant ships,
    - 1918 80 Uboats sunk, 1,000 merchant ships
    - 10,000 US soldiers arriving every day (zero troop ships sunk)
  - Starvation breaking out....civil unrest....Bolshevik revolts

# Technology shifts advantage to offense

- Mass tank attacks
  - Allies deploy 6 000 tanks...shield for infantry
  - Barbed wire made useless
- Mass use of aircraft
  - Allies deploy 6,000 (Germans less than 300)
  - Capable of bombing behind lines, staffing
- Artillery technology: rolling barrage, improved Quality control (30% 1917 shells 'duds;

Allies have combined command and learned how to coordinated tanks, planes, guns



Inappropriate US training= replicate Civil War  
.....recipe for high casualties



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# The reality....after first assaults



# Meuse Argonne : “the wood”



# Meuse Argonne Sept-Nov 1918

- ▶ Led by Pershing as independent command

- ▶ Largest battle ever fought by USA

  - ▶ 700,000 American plus 500,000 French

  - ▶ 450,000 Germans

- ▶ Objective gained...eventually ( Americans gain 15 miles, French 30)

  - ▶ US lose 150,000 including 25,000 killed, French 70,000

    - .....25% of US army killed or wounded, Germans lose 150,000 including 50,000 captured, withdraw to higher ground behind rivers.....no decisive victory

US army proven capable with experience > enthusiasm

Germans lose hope...by November US army 2,000,000 strong and rising

# Armistice

- German Military recognise position hopeless October 1918
  - Army disintegrating , Bolshevik revolution, Ottomans, Austria collapse
  - “Outsource” negotiations to politicians ....attempt deal direct with Wilson
  - Want ‘cease fire” based on 14 Points” ..Wilson rejects....defers to General Foch
  - German Socialists cross border to “negotiate”
- ‘Armistice’ ...becomes capitulation
  - Foch imposes surrender: orders Germans to disarm, withdraw, return prisoners
  - Allies occupy Rhineland
  - German politicians accept “Armistice”... war ends 11 am November 11, 1918
  - Blockade continues, German starvation, German prisoners retained till peace treaty



# War Ends 11 am November 11<sup>th</sup> 1918

US last attack on Meuse last morning...500 killed by 11am

German army withdraws, Allied prisoners return, Allies occupy Ruhr Valley

Peace Treaty scheduled January 1919 at Versailles

Wilson leaves US December 1918 to lead negotiations

Believes chosen by God to create A New World Order based on League  
... War ended, democracy saved, negotiation to resolve all disputes  
...self evident to the American people and the world



He is wrong  
....Talk 26: “Transition to “Normalcy”