

America in World War I

1917-1918



United States Neutrality

throughout the early days of the war, the US continued to trade with both sides

the British imposed a _____ and expanded contraband lists

the US loaned \$2 _____ to the Triple Entente

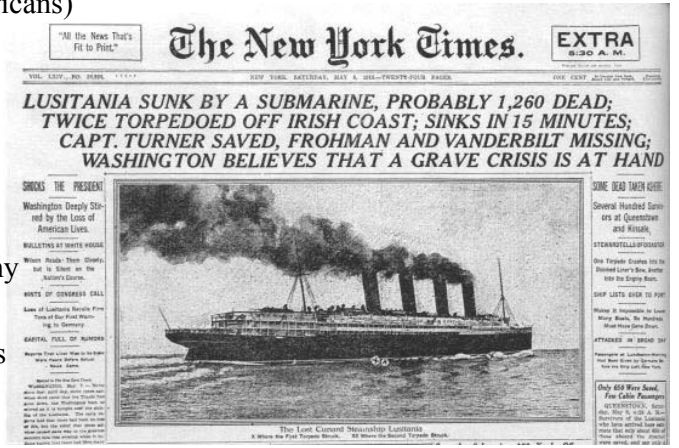
the American public bought \$2 _____ in British and French war bonds



German Unterseeboots
(U-Boats - _____)
began sinking unarmed US ships



1915: German U-Boat sank the _____
British passenger liner
nearly _____ passengers drowned (128
Americans)



_____ Pledge

1916: Germans sank French ship *Sussex*

President Woodrow Wilson warned Germany
to stop or risk war w/US

Germany agreed: won't sink any more ships
& pay the US a fine

United States Is Drawn Into the War

German battle losses and supply shortages forced them to resume _____ U-boat warfare

they thought that if US was provoked into war the Allies would be forced to surrender before Americans could _____

President Wilson started to _____ merchant ships

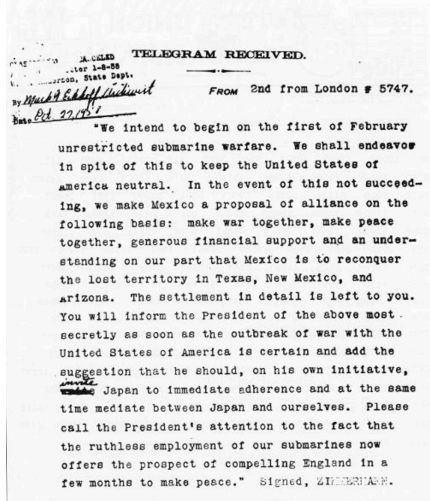
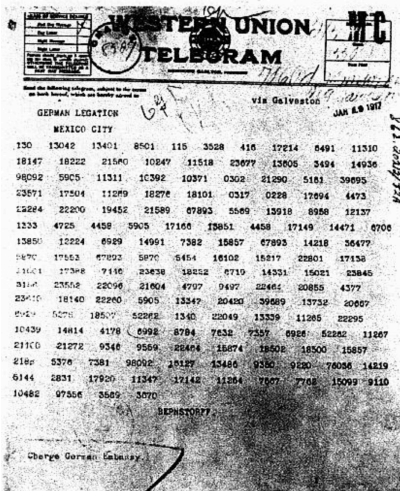


Zimmerman Telegram

German foreign minister Arthur Zimmerman sent a _____ to his ambassador in Mexico

asked Mexico to attack the US, promising to give them Texas, _____, and New Mexico

the British intercepted it and US newspapers printed it - Americans VERY _____



Germans sink four more passenger liners

Wilson asks Congress for the US to enter war on April 2, 1917

Congress declares war on April 6, 1917

Raising an Army

standing US army had only 200,000 troops, 1500 machine guns, 55 planes

(the draft)

all men 21-30 had to register for military service

10 million signed up for the draft

2.8 million were drafted

2 million volunteered



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first US soldiers deployed in France 12 weeks after declaring war

370,000 African Americans drafted, 200,000 served overseas

encountered rampant _____ and prejudice

not allowed to serve in the Marine Corps, 10,000 in navy

restricted to lower ranks

highly praised and decorated for fighting on Western front



War on the Home Front

needed to gear industry for war machine, raise \$ for war, mobilize Americans' support

headed by wall street stockbroker Bernard Baruch
handled purchasing of war materials



charged w/boosting coal and oil production and encouraging conservation
introduced daylight savings time and shortened workweeks for nonwar-related factories

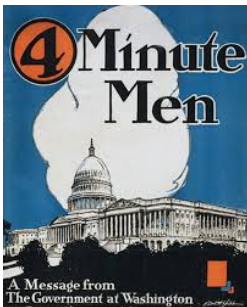


headed by Herbert Hoover
reduced food consumption
asked Americans to “serve just enough”
Wheatless Mondays, Meatless Tuesdays



citizens encouraged to grow their own vegetables

Controlling Public Opinion



Committee on _____
headed by journalist and author George Creel
printed millions of _____ to distribute
explaining the causes and aims of the war
“four minute men” spoke at theaters and public
gatherings in support of the war



Controlling War Protesters



_____ and Sedition Acts
imposed severe penalties to silence war opposition

organized by Creel, encouraged Americans to spy on each other

Postmaster General given authority to ban certain newspapers,
magazines, and pamphlets

thousands people imprisoned, sometimes for private
conversations(!)

(persecution of Germans)



Victory on Land and Sea

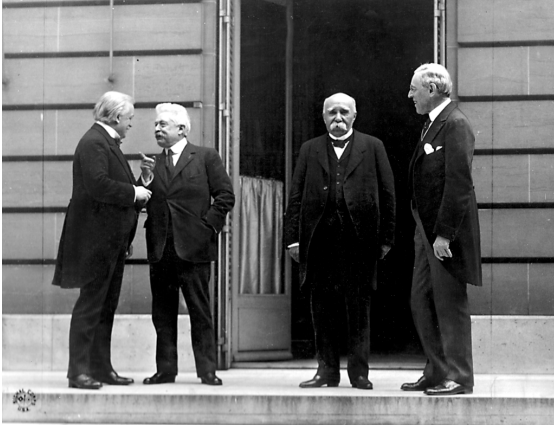
spring/early summer, 1918: Germans make final push at Battle of Verdun; fail

mid-Sept: 550,000 American “ _____ ” won Battle of St. Mihiel

American naval forces used _____ (underwater explosives) against U-boats

Germans sign armistice on 11/11/18

Treaty of Versailles



ended the war

the “Big _____” leaders of the US, Great Britain, France, and Italy met in Paris

based on Wilson’s _____ Points

The Fourteen Points

1. No more _____ agreements ("Open covenants openly arrived at").
2. _____ navigation of all seas.
3. An end to all economic barriers between countries.
4. Countries to _____ weapon numbers.
5. All decisions regarding the colonies should be impartial.
6. The German _____ is to be removed from Russia. Russia should be left to develop her own political set-up.
7. Belgium should be _____ like before the war.
8. France should be fully _____ and allowed to recover Alsace-Lorraine
9. All Italians are to be allowed to live in Italy. Italy's borders are to "along clearly recognisable lines of nationality."
10. _____ - _____ should be allowed for all those living in Austria-Hungary.
11. Self-determination and guarantees of independence should be allowed for the Balkan states.
12. The Turkish people should be governed by the Turkish government. Non-Turks in the old Turkish Empire should govern themselves.
13. An _____ Poland should be created which should have access to the sea.
14. A _____ should be set up to guarantee the political and territorial independence of all states.

