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### **Raising an Army**

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

#### Selective Service Act

(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 first US troops - " **doughboys** arrive in France in June, 1917



370,000 African Americans drafted, 200,000 served overseas encountered rampant discrimination and prejudice not allowed to serve in the Marine Corps, 10,000 in navy restricted to support personnel of lower rank highly praised and decorated for fighting on Western front





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WORLD WAR I

## "Over There"

On the morning of April 6, 1917, newspaper headlines across America announced the news that the United States had declared war on Germany, effectively entering WWI. George Cohan was an actor, singer, dancer, songwriter, playwright, and Broadway producer who had composed hundreds of songs, including such famous songs as "You're a Grand Old Flag," "Give My Regards to Broadway," and "I'm a Yankee Doodle Dandy." Cohan's reaction to reading the headlines that morning was to hum - and soon to add some lyrics. By the time Cohan arrived at work that morning, he already had the verses, chorus, tune, and title of what became the very popular song, "Over There."

"Over There" was an instant success, selling over two million copies by the end of the war. The song "Over There" is about the "Yanks" (i.e. Americans) going "over there" (i.e. across the Atlantic) to help fight the "Huns" (i.e. the Germans) during World War I.

In 1936, Cohan was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for writing the song.



"Over There" by George M. Cohan

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.

CHORUS (repeated twice): Over there, over there Send the word, send the word over there That the Yanks are coming, the Yanks are coming The drums are rum-tumming everywhere So prepare, say a prayer Send the word, send the word to beware We'll be over there, we're coming over And we won't come back till it's over over there. Over there.

### War on the Home Front

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

### War Industries Board

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





CHECK YOUR HEATING PLANT!

SORDER FUEL AT ONCE!

LANT A VICTORY GARDEN

#### **Fuel Administration**

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

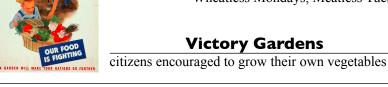
#### Food Administration

Victory Gardens

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



FOOD WILL WIN THE WAR You came here seeking Fre You must now help to preser WHEAT is needed for the allies Waste nothing



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# **Controlling Public Opinion**

#### nute **Committee of Public Information**

headed by journalist and author George Creel printed millions of pamphlets 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**

#### **Alien and Sedition Acts**

imposed severe penalties to silence war opposition

**Loyalty Leagues** 

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)

### The War Ends

Germans sign armistice (cease-fire) on 11/11/18

Big Four

leaders of the US, Great Britain, France, and Italy met in Paris

#### **The Fourteen Points**

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- 1. No more secret agreements
- 2. Free navigation of all seas.
- 3. An end to all economic barriers between countries.
- 4. Countries to reduce weapon numbers.
- 5. All decisions regarding the colonies should be impartial
- 6. The German Army is to be removed from Russia. Russia should be left to
- develop her own political set-up.
- 7. Belgium should be independent like before the war.
- 8. France should be fully liberated and allowed to recover Alsace-Lorraine
- 9. All Italians are to be allowed to live in Italy.

10. Self-determination 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 should govern themselves.

13. An independent Poland should be created which should have access to the sea. 14. A League of Nations should be set up to guarantee the political and territorial independence of all states.

