

The End

# End of World War I

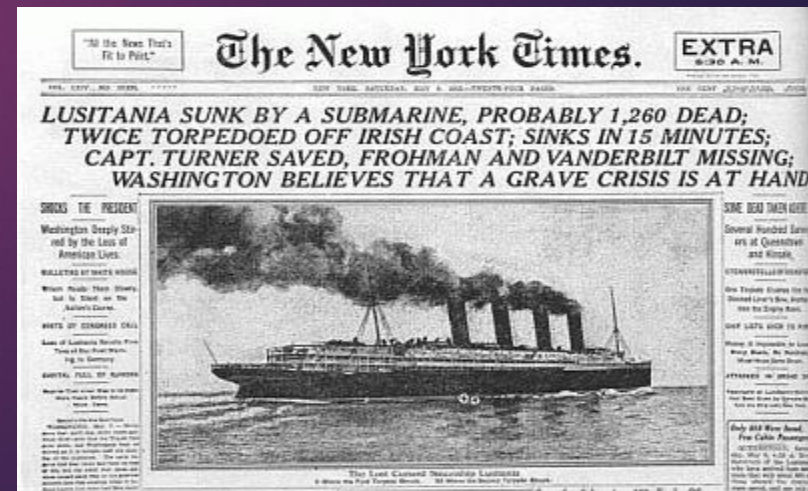
- ▶ Russia withdraws
- ▶ By 1916 Russia's war was near collapse
- ▶ Had yet to become industrialized
- ▶ Army continually short on food, guns, ammunition, clothes, boots, blankets
- ▶ Civilians suffering at home as well
- ▶ Revolution in the air

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- ▶ Russia had only one asset: numbers
  - ▶ Staggering number of losses on the battlefield
  - ▶ Simply replaced its army from its huge population
  - ▶ In 1917, Russia withdraws and make a peace agreement with Germany
  - ▶ Russian Revolution begins

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- ▶ United States joins Allied Powers
  - ▶ Germany was practicing unrestricted submarine warfare
    - ▶ Sinking of the Lusitania in 1915 – 1,198 people killed
    - ▶ Germany agreed to stop
    - ▶ But in 1917, they began it again
    - ▶ Sunk three American ships
- ▶ Bring fresh troops to Europe



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## ▶ Zimmerman Note-

- ▶ U.S. intercepted a telegram to Mexico promising to give Mexico “conquered territory” if they began a war with the U.S.
- ▶ This was the last straw!
- ▶ April 2, 1917, U. S. declares war and joins the Allies
- ▶ This brings fresh troops to the war and the Allies are re-energized

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

Oct 1-8-58

W. L. Harrison, State Dept.

By *Wm A. Eckhoff*

FROM 2nd from London # 5747.

Date *Oct 27, 1958*

"We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States of America neutral. In the event of this not succeeding, we make Mexico a proposal of alliance on the following basis: make war together, make peace together, generous financial support and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you. You will inform the President of the above most secretly as soon as the outbreak of war with the United States of America is certain and add the suggestion that he should, on his own initiative, ~~write~~ <sup>invite</sup> Japan to immediate adherence and at the same time mediate between Japan and ourselves. Please call the President's attention to the fact that the ruthless employment of our submarines now offers the prospect of compelling England in a few months to make peace." Signed, ZIMMERMANN.

# The Home Front

- ▶ War affected EVERYONE!! (Total War)
  - ▶ Rationing
  - ▶ War bonds
- ▶ Government takes over economy
- ▶ News was censored
- ▶ Propaganda
- ▶ Women began to enter the work force

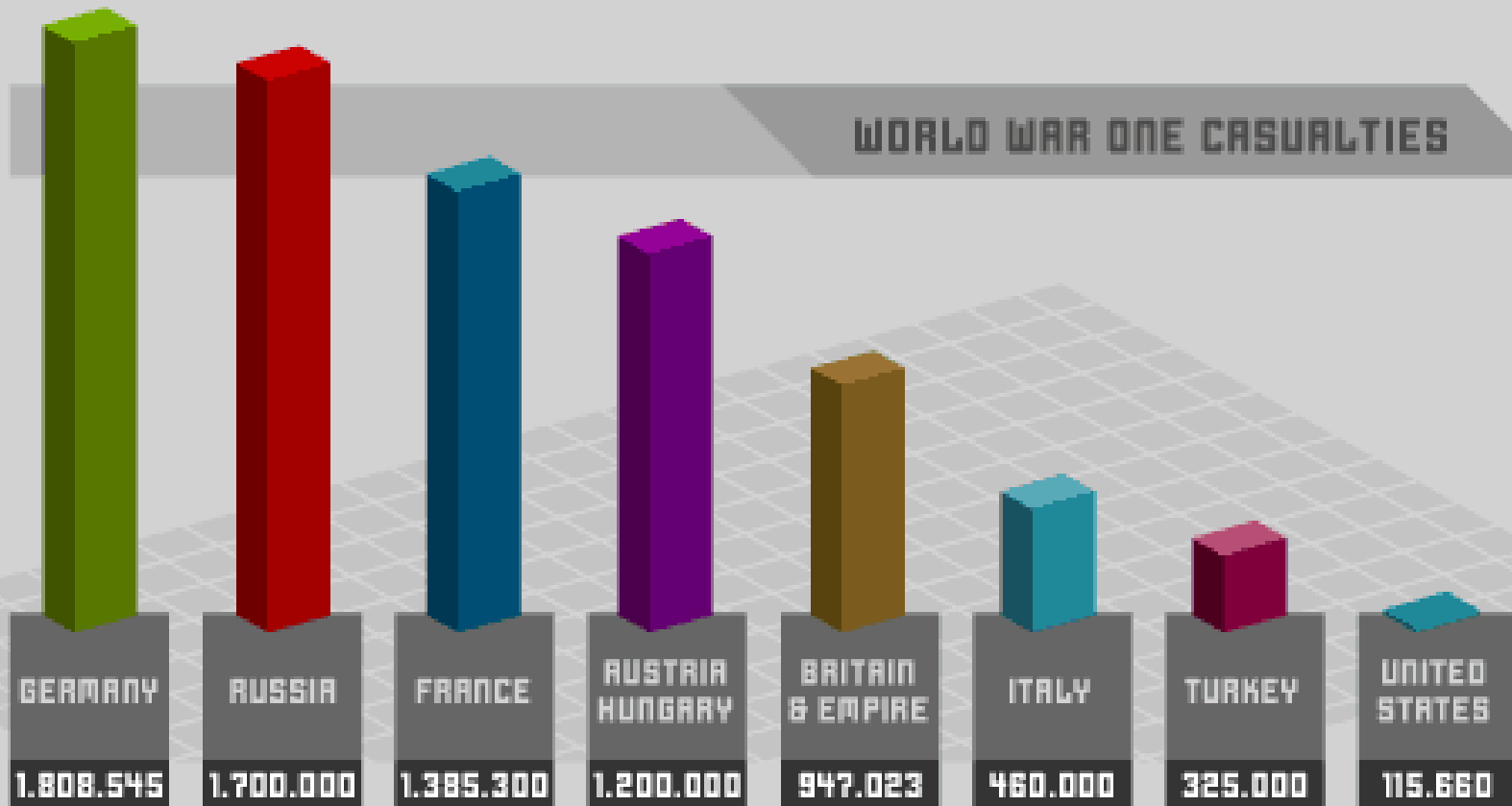


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- ▶ Germany is weakened after three years of warfare
- ▶ Central Powers crumble
  - ▶ Bulgarians and Ottoman Turks surrender.
  - ▶ Soldiers mutiny
- ▶ Allies win
  - ▶ Signed armistice on November 11, 1918
- ▶ Both sides lost many men and women
- ▶ Devastating impact on economies
- ▶ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vR\\_tfuXmets](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vR_tfuXmets)



## WORLD WAR ONE CASUALTIES



# Creating the Treaty of Versailles

- ▶ Big Four
  - ▶ Woodrow Wilson, Georges Clemenceau, David Lloyd George, and Vittorio Orlando
- ▶ Wilson's Fourteen Points
  - ▶ End secret treaties
  - ▶ Freedom of seas and trade
  - ▶ Reduce national armies
  - ▶ Association of nations that would protect great and small states alike

# Treaty of Versailles

- ▶ Paris Peace Conference
  - ▶ France and Britain opposed Wilson's Fourteen Points
- ▶ Signed Treaty of Versailles
  - ▶ Created a League of Nations
    - ▶ United States does not join
  - ▶ Treaty punished Germany
  - ▶ War-Guilt Clause
    - ▶ Sole blame on Germany
    - ▶ Germany forced to pay reparations



### Europe Pre-World War I



### Europe Post-World War I



# A Troubled Treaty...

- ▶ What problems do you see with this treaty?
  - ▶ Central Powers lose a lot of land
  - ▶ U.S. rejected treaty
  - ▶ War-guilt clause left a legacy of bitterness
  - ▶ Colonies in Africa and Asia are angry
  - ▶ Japan and Italy do not gain more land