

World War I: The Great War

The Great War Western Front

- ❧ Germans, Austria-Hungarians vs. French, British and later Americans
- ❧ Germany develops the Schlieffen Plan (a fast rush into France)
- ❧ Trench Warfare on the Western Front

The Great War

Eastern Front

- ❧ Russians and Serbs vs. Germans and Austria-Hungarians
- ❧ War more mobile but still a stalemate
- ❧ Russia's disadvantages
 - ❧ Not Industrialized
 - ❧ Short on Supplies
 - ❧ War is Unpopular
- ❧ Russia's advantage
 - ❧ LOTS of People

Russia Exits the War

- ❧ March 1917, Nicholas II abdicates his throne
- ❧ Russian Duma continues to fight
- ❧ October 1917: Lenin and the Bolsheviks take command: The Soviet's want to leave the war
- ❧ March 1918: Soviets leave the war

US Road to War

- ❧ In the beginning the US stays neutral.
- ❧ British Blockade - did not allow products to leave or enter Germany
- ❧ German U-Boat Response
counter to blockade, destroy all boats headed for British shores

US Road to War

May 7th 1915: Sinking of the Lusitania



1916 Presidential Election And the Winner is...

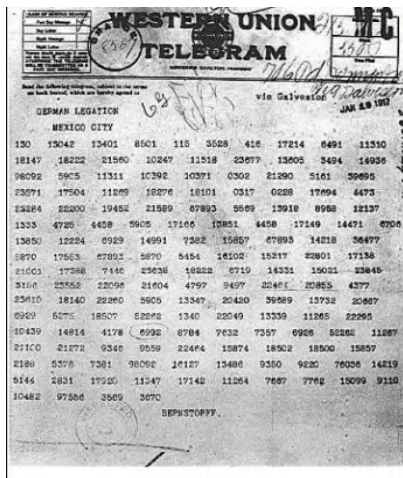
Woodrow
Wilson

Because
“he kept us out
of the war”

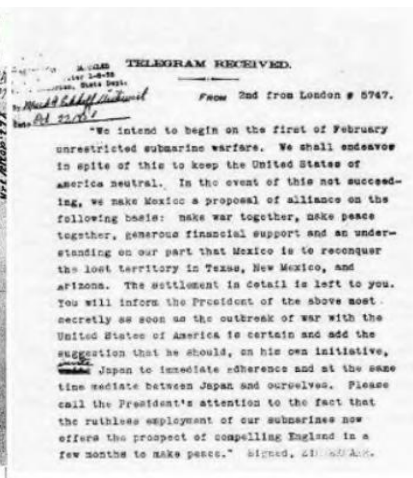


US Road to War The Last Straw

Zimmerman Note



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US Declares War

- 🌹 Senate Declares War April 4th 1917
- 🌹 House of Representatives Declares War April 6th 1917
- 🌹 Wilson's reason for War:
make the world "Safe for Democracy"

War on the Homefront

- 🌹 World War I as a Total War
 - 🌹 All Resources devoted to war
- 🌹 Gov't took over factories to make Military goods
- 🌹 All had to work (Women took place of men in factories)
- 🌹 Rationing- limit consumption of resources/goods necessary for the war effort
- 🌹 Propaganda- ideas spread to influence public opinion for or against a cause.