



The Road to War

# CHAPTER 10 SECTION 1

# Factors leading to WW1

- *Imperialism* – Rivalry among European powers to gobble up the remaining areas of the world that were not yet colonized.



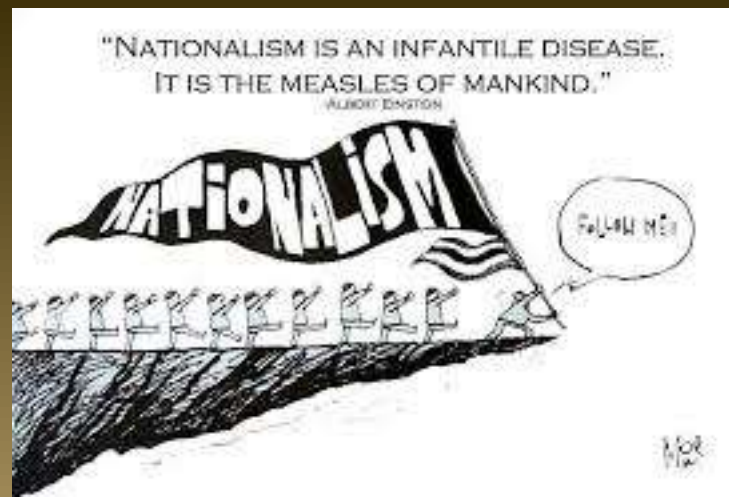
# Factors Cont.

- ***Militarism*** – A policy of building up your armed forces in preparation for war.
- What happens when you are always planning for war?



# Factors Cont.

- ***Nationalism*** – Countries acting in their nation's interests often went against the interests of another nation.
- Ethnic minorities in a country wanting independence often led to violence.



# Factors Cont.

- *Alliances* – Various combinations of nations had each others back.
- If one was attacked their allies came to their aid.



# Archduke Francis Ferdinand

- The heir to the throne of the Austro-Hungarian Empire.
- Visiting Sarajevo, the capital of the new province (Bosnia) in the empire.



# The Spark that Ignited the War

- The Archduke and his wife were assassinated. (On June 28<sup>th</sup> 1914 by a Bosnian Nationalist who thought the empire had no right to rule Bosnia.)
- Thought Serbia was behind it so they declared war on them. (their tiny neighbor and long time rival)



# Chain Reaction

- Russia, who was Serbia's protector, began *mobilization* (getting troops ready for war).
- Germany, Austria-Hungary's chief ally, demanded that Russia stop mobilizing.
- Russia refused and France, Russia's ally, began to mobilize its troops.





# Germany Strikes First

- Germany was sandwiched between Russia and France and wanted to avoid being trapped on both sides.



# Great Britain Enters the War

- Germany hoped they would remain neutral because GB had the most powerful navy in Europe.
- In order to attack France, Germany had to travel through the small country of Belgium who was protected by Great Britain.



# The Great War (WW1)

- Within one week after the war started all the great powers of Europe had been drawn into it.
- ***The Central Powers*** – Germany & Austria-Hungary
- ***The Allies*** – Russia, France, Serbia, & Great Britain



# Stalemate

- A situation in which neither side can gain the advantage.
- Both sides were equal in size and strength.



# Trench Warfare

- Dug out muddy, rat-infested trenches with an empty “no man’s land” in between them.
- Neither side could push the other back more than a few miles.



# The War Expands

- By spring of 1915 the *Ottoman Empire* (present day Turkey) joined the Central Powers.
- *Italy* joined the Allies.



# New Weaponry

- Led to massive number of deaths. (26,000 British killed in a single day)
- *Artillery shells* and *hand grenades* killed most who tried to cross “no-man’s land”.
- Those not killed by that were mowed down by *machine guns* (450 rounds/minute) or choked by *poison gasses*.



# Desperation

- As morale sank soldiers *attacked civilians* by burning their fields, killing their livestock, and poisoning their wells.
- German subs torpedoed any ship they suspected of aiding the Allies.





# Break the Stalemate

- British setup naval blockade to starve the German people.
- None of these strategies worked.



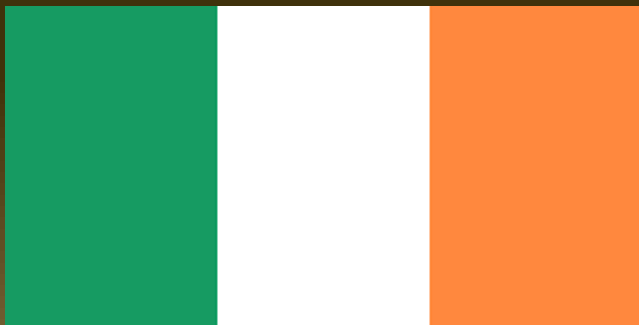
# Personal

- Many Americans felt personally involved in Europe's war because more than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of them were 1st or 2nd generation immigrants and still identified with their old homelands.



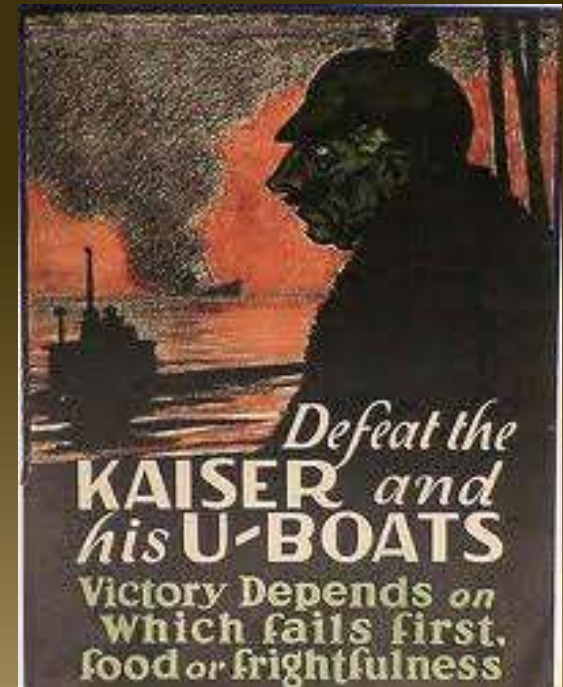
# German and Irish Americans

- Favored the Central Powers because the Irish disliked Great Britain for past conflicts and the Germans for obvious reasons.



# Opposition to Germany

- Most Americans opposed the Central Powers because their ruler, Kaiser Wilhelm (means emperor), was an autocrat who ruled with unlimited power.
- Also saw Germans as cold-blooded people who were obsessed with war.



# Neutral

- America proclaimed its neutrality (in 1914) because we did a lot of foreign trade and didn't want our investments at risk.



# Two Sides

- ***Preparedness movement*** – Wanted to build up America's military to be prepared in case we had to get involved.
- ***The Peace movement*** – Mostly women and progressives who wanted citizens to know that their increased taxes were paying for the “preparedness” movement.





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