

GLOBAL 10



Chapter 29: The Great War 1914-1918

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Influence of Nationalism

- Power force in Balkans with Balkan Independence growing
- Serbia had large Slavic pop. & hoped to absorb all Slavs
- But Austria Hungary opposed it
- Austria Feared that efforts to create Slavic state would bring rebellion among its Slavic pop.

1908 Austria Annexed or Took over Bosnia + Herzegovina

- Both had large Slavic population
- Serbian leaders who sought to rule this territory were outraged
- SERBS Threaten to take land back
- Austria Hungary vowed to crush any Serbian attempt.

Restless Region

- Ottoman Empire Included Balkan Region But was in Rapid Decline.
- Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro, Romania and Serbia already broke away.
- Many others wanted to free themselves from Ottoman Empire.

Crisis in Balkans

- Balkan Peninsula home to many ethnic groups
- long history of Nationalist uprisings + ethnic clashes
- Balkans would become "Powder Keg" of Europe

• Russia an ally to Serbia declares war on Austria

• Serbia agreed to most of demands but Austria was not in mood to negotiate and declared war

• Austria uses it as excuse to punish Serbia and gives ultimatum to Serbia for demands

• Gavrilo Princip 19yo old Serb + member of the Blackhand Assassinated them

• Archduke Ferdinand + wife Sofia pay state visit

• Sarajevo, Bosnia 6/28/1914

SHOT RINGS OUT

MARCHING TOWARD WAR

Rising Tensions in Europe

Nationalism Rises:

- growth of Nationalism brought greater competition for resources + Mkts in Balkans, Alsace-Lorraine especially but Nationalist movements in those regions UPSET Balance of Powers.

Imperialism: Competition increased Need to Colonize

- Colonizing Required Strong Army
- Sense of Rivalry brought greater MISTRUST IN EACH OTHER especially when Militaries were getting powerful

Militarism: Strong military gives people strong sense of Patriotism.

- Need to mobilize quickly + organized
- All but Britain had strong Army But Germany + Britain had strongest Navy

Tangled Alliances

- Growing Rivalry + Mutual Mistrusts created alliances among Great Powers

Bismarck Forges Pacts: 1864 + 1871

Bismarck "Blood + Iron" Chancellor used war to unify Germany until "satisfied power" He then worked for peace + saw French threat France wanted revenge for Franco-Prussian war so he isolated them w/ alliances

Triple Alliance: 1881 Bismarck

Formed Alliances w/ Germany Austria/Hungary + Russia

TRIPLE Entente

- 1907 Britain joins France + Russia to form Triple Entente alliance
- Triple Alliance = Germany, Austria-Hungary and Italy made up rival alliance

Shifting Alliances Threaten Peace

Kaiser Wilhelm II: Ruler of Germany

- Forced Bismarck to Resign + Built up Army
- HE let Treaty with Russia lapse in 1890
- Russia Responded with alliance with France
- SETUP 2 Front war if Germany attacked

Early Fighting

- Russia attacked Austria and Germany
- Germany counterattacked + drove Russia into retreat
- Russia forced defeat of Austria twice in September
- Not until December did Austria push Russia out of Austria-Hungary

The Great War Begins

- Russia Declares War on Germany
- Germany declares war on France + Britain
- Much of Europe in WAR

Nations Take Sides:

By August 1914 sides were drawn

Central Powers: Austria-Hungary and Germany + Bulgaria, Ottoman Empire wanted to reclaim lost land

ALLIES: Britain, France, Russia along with Japan + Italy later join Allies

Nationalism sent all armies off to war confident of quick + easy victory

• Only Russian asset was huge Army

• Suffer Resource Shortages from German Control of Baltic Sea

- 1916 War Effort Near Collapse
- Russia Not Industrialized

Russia Struggles

EUROPE PLUNGES INTO WAR

Battle on Eastern Front

- On German + Russian Border but was more mobile war than in the West
- But slaughter + stalemate were common

Bloody Stalemate

- From Summer of 1914 war turned long + bloody stalemate in Northern France
- Western Front: Northern France Battleground

New Weapons of War

- Poison Gas! Caused Blindness, severe blisters + death by choking
- Both sides used it + started by Germany
- Machine Gun: Fires automatically
- Tank: Armored combat vehicle @ Battle of Somme
- Submarine OR VBoats 1st introduced by Germans
- Airplanes introduced

Schlieffen Plan: By Germany

- Attack + defeat France in West the push to Russia (Eastern Front)
- Based on quick victory in France and Russia's lack of modernization
- 1st Battle of Marne failed to take Paris + hurt the Plan's chance to work

1916 Battle of Verdun

- Germans launch massive attack against French near Verdun
- British join fight + lose additional men
- Total Dead nearly 1 million on all sides

War in the Trenches

- Responsible for the stalemate as armies traded huge losses of human life for small gains
- Trenches carried rats + disease
- "No Man's Land" = space between trenches

Allies Win the War

Russia Withdraws: 3/1917

- Civil Unrest in Russia Forced Czar Nicholas to resign
- Provisional Govt. Established But war-weary Army refused to fight
- Nov 1917 Vladimir Lenin, Communist Revolution seizes power + ends Russia's involvement in War

Central Powers Collapse:

- With Eastern Front Closed Germany Focus is on Western Front + Marched to Marne River only 40 miles from Paris.
- Fresh US Troops help win 2nd Battle of Marne
- 2 million more US Troops help end war

ARMISTICE 11/11: Nov 9, 1918 Kaiser Wilhelm steps down + new German govt signs armistice with Allies

Women + The War

- Total War meant govts turned to women to replace men in factories, offices, shops
- Produced Weapons + Food for Troops
- It would change views of what women were capable of doing
- As Nurses they saw horrors of War first hand.

Rationing + Propaganda

- Rationing or Restricting the use of short supply of resources needed for War
- Propaganda or one sided/bias info designed to persuade + keep up morale of the people

- Total Cost = 338 Billion
- Devastating Economic Impact on Europe
- Both Sides = 8.5 million Soldiers dead + 21 million wounded + many more civilians
- Landscape of death + destruction of land never seen before

• Use of New Technologies + War on Grand + Global Scale

Legacy of War

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CONFLICT

Governments Wage Total War

- Total War = nations devoted all their resources to war effort.
- Wartime govts took control of economy
- Govts told factories what + how much to produce
- Civilian Population put to work to support War effort

WAR Affects the World

• Attempt to end stalemates w/ new battlefields + Alliances

Gallipoli Campaign: 1915

- Allies attack the Dardanelles in the Ottoman Empire
- The narrow Strait was gateway to Ottoman Capital, Constantinople
- Defeat the Turks + Establish supply line to Russians
- Involve British, Australia, New Zealand, France
- Begin repeated assaults on West side of Strait But turned into bloody stalemate with trenches

Battles in Africa + Asia:

- Germany's Colonies came under attack
- Japanese take German outposts in China
- English + French take Germany's 4 African Colonies
- British + French recruit troops from their Colonies
- Gandhi supported Indian participation in War in hope that service would lead to Independence
- Others wanted nothing to do w/ Europe's War

America Joins The fight:

• 1917 war shifts to the High Seas

Unrestricted Submarine Warfare: 1917

- Germans warn any ships around Britain would be sunk without warning after 1915
- 1915 German UBoats sunk British passenger ship called Lusitania killing 128 US citizens
- Germans claim correctly ship had ammo.
- Wilson demands + gets attacks to stop
- Zimmerman Note, 1917 Telegram written by Germany's Foreign Secretary is intercepted stating Germany would help Mexico regain land lost in Mexican American War
- April 2, 1917 Wilson asks for Declaration of War

War Affects Home Front

- Europe already lost more soldiers than all wars in previous 3 centuries claiming millions
- "The Great War" had a great effect on civilians as well as soldiers

War Guilt Clause

- It left Legacy of hatred and Bitterness in hearts of German people
- Other Nations felt cheated and betrayed by the Treaty
- Mandated Territories in Asia + Africa were angry the Allies disregarded their desire for Independence.
- The Principle of Self-determination was merely Talk Not Reality
- European Colonialism still existed
- Japan + Italy Embarrassed they gained little Territory from Treaty

Allies Meet + Debate

Big 4: Treaty of Versailles

- George Clemenceau: France
 - Lloyd George: Britain
 - Woodrow Wilson: USA
 - Vittorio Orlando: Italy
- Wilson's Plan: 14 Points:

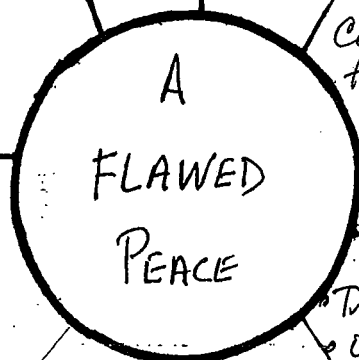
- 1918 During War Peace Proposals
- ① End to Secret Treaties
- ② Freedom of the seas
- ③ Free Trade
- ④ Reduced National militaries
- ⑤ Adjust Colonies w/ Fairness to Colonial people
- 6-13 = BORDER CHANGES
- 14th = League of Nations

Self-Determination: Self-govt.

- Allow people to decide for themselves
- League of Nations was The Idea of Collective Security or Nations coming to aid of other Nations during crisis or war

- Harsh Treatment of Germany would led to another W.W.
- W/out Support of USA the League of Nations failed

Legacy of Treaty



"A Peace Built in Quicksand"

- Treaty of Versailles did little to build lasting peace
- US Rejects Treaty and works out separate Treaty with Germany.
- Many Americans objected to League of Nations
- Wilson felt best hope for peace was to stay out of European Affairs

The Versailles Treaty

- Paris Peace Conference opens with France + Britain looking for revenge + punishment.
- Treaty Signed 1919 with only Wilson's 14th point.
- Overall Germany punished with:
 - ① Loss of land
 - ② Severe Restrictions on Military Operations
 - ③ "War Guilt Clause" or sole Responsibility for the war was Put on Germany
 - ④ Reparations Paid by Germany
 - ⑤ Germany's Colonies were taken over by League of Nations

Troubled Treaty

- Was just one of Five treaties Negotiated by Allies.
- Created feelings of Bitterness + Betrayal

Creation of New Nations

- Western Powers Signed separate peace treaties (1919)
- Led to huge land losses for Central Powers
- Several New Countries Created out of Austria Hungary:
 - AUSTRIA, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia
- Ottoman Turks Retain only Turkey + lost S.W. Asia
 - British Control Palestine, Iraq, Transjordan
 - France Control Syria, Lebanon
 - Russia left war early + lost Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania

League of Nations

- International Association with goal to keep peace among nations.