

Causes of World War I

Doc A: Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand

The following article was published on the front page of the Atlanta Constitution on June 29, 1914.

Murdered Duke and His Wife



ARCHDUKE FRANCIS FERDINAND AND HIS WIFE.

The murder of the archduke and his wife is likely to complicate the Austro-Hungarian succession. The Duchess of Hohenberg was morganatically married to the archduke, and as such marriages are not recognized in Austria, her son, Maximilian Charles, cannot succeed to the Austrian throne, though he can be king of Hungary, where there is no law against morganatic marriages. As the law stands at present, the archduke's nephew, the murdered archduke, is the heir to the Austrian throne. If the archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife had lived, the latter could not have been empress of Austria, but would be queen of Hungary.

Couple Were Shot Dead While Riding in an Auto Through Bosnian Capital

Shots Were Fired by a Servian Student—Archduke Shot in Face and Duchess in Abdomen and Throat—Royal Couple Escaped Bomb Before Bullets Were Fired.

Double Murder Most Shocking Of Numerous Tragedies Recorded In Annals of House of Hapsburg

Aged Austrian Emperor Had Already Lost a Brother, Son, Wife and Other Members of Family by Violence—Latest Tragedy Charged to Servia and Anti-Servian Outbreaks Are Reported.

Sarajevo, June 28.—Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austria-Hungarian throne, and his morganatic wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg, were assassinated today while driving through the streets of Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital. A youthful Servian student fired the shots which added another to the long list of tragedies that has darkened the reign of Emperor Francis Joseph.

The archduke and his wife were victims of the second attempt in the same day against their lives. First a bomb was thrown at the automobile in which they were driving to the gown hall. Forewarned, however, of a possible attempt against his life, the archduke was watchful and struck the missile aside with his arm. It fell under an automobile following which carried members of the archduke's suite, wounding Count Von Boos-Waldeck and Colonel Merizzo.

AMERICAN OFFICE DARTED AT CAR AND FIRED.

Royal Victim Was Warned Of the Murder Conspiracy But Disregarded Warning

1. What happened to the Archduke and his wife?

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After the assassination, the assassin, Gavrilo Princep, was captured. During his trial he stated the following:

"I am a Yugoslav nationalist, aiming for the unification of all Yugoslavs, and I do not care what form of state, but it must be free from Austria."

1. What does Princep say was his goal in killing the archduke and his wife?

Militarism Documents

Vocabulary and Important Information

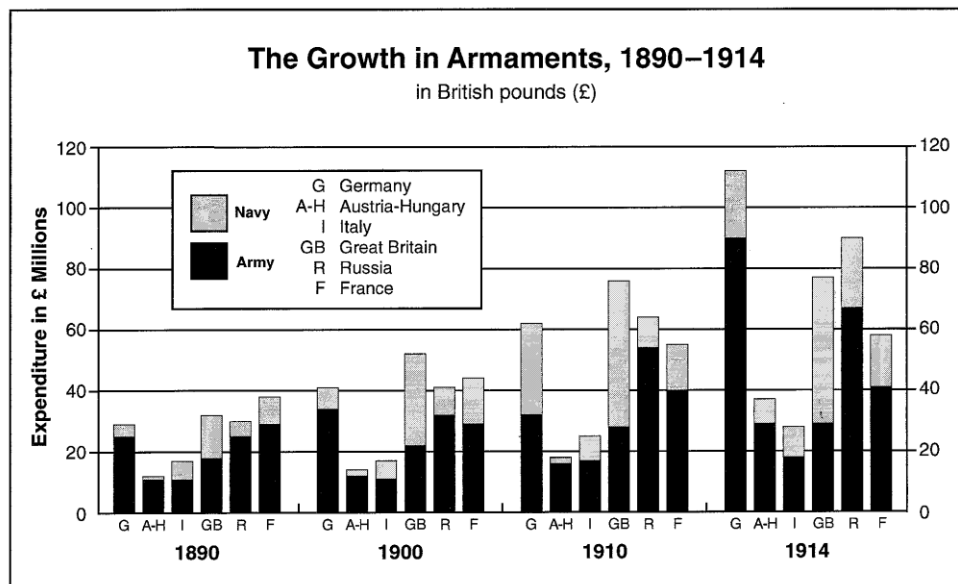
Armaments- military weapons and equipment

Pounds- basic unit of money in Great Britain

World War I began on July 28, 1914

Document C

Source: Adapted from *The London Times History of the World*, new edition edited by Richard Overy, 1999.



Note: By 1914 the Entente Powers could field 2.23 million men, Germany and Austria-Hungary 1.2 million.

1. Which three countries had the greatest growth in military weapons and equipment from 1890 to 1914?

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Source: Prince Ernhard von Bulow, *German Chancellor*, speech to the Reichstag December 11, 1899

...we realize that without power, without a strong army and a strong navy, there can be no welfare for us. The means of fighting the battle for existence in this world without strong armaments on land and water, for a nation soon to count sixty million, living in the center of Europe and at the same time stretching out its economic feelers in all directions, have not yet been found. In the coming century the German nation will be either the hammer or the anvil

1. What does Prince Bulow suggest is necessary to ensure the welfare of the German people?
2. What does he suggest is necessary to "fight the battle for existence?"

Alliances

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Excerpt from - The Dual Alliance Between Austria-Hungary and Germany, 7 October, 1879

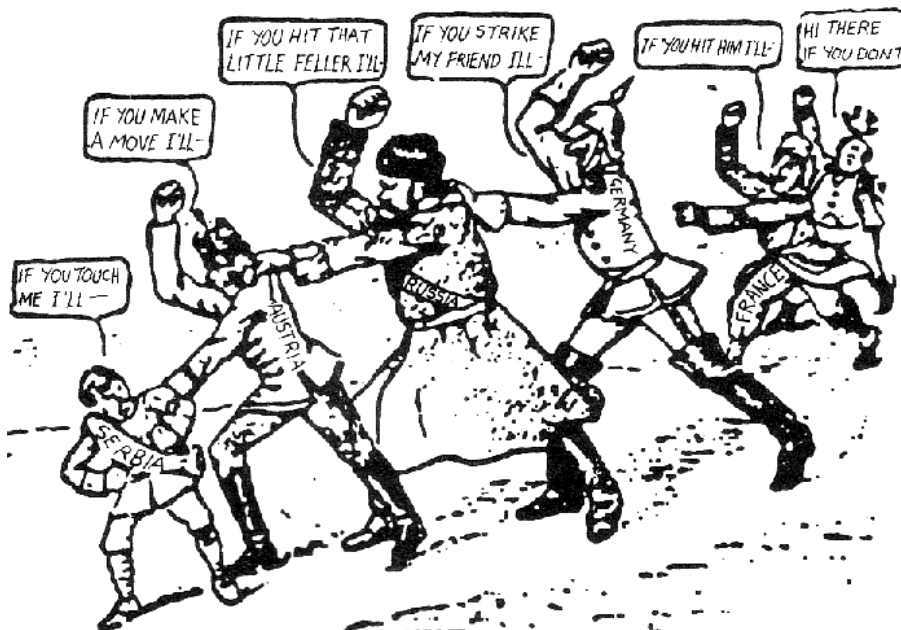
ARTICLE 1. Should, contrary to their hope, and against the loyal desire of the two High Contracting Parties, one of the two Empires be attacked by Russia the High Contracting Parties are bound to come to the assistance one of the other with the whole war strength of their Empires, and accordingly only to conclude peace together and upon mutual agreement.

ARTICLE 2. Should one of the High Contracting Parties be attacked by another Power, the other High Contracting Party binds itself hereby, not only not to support the aggressor against its high Ally, but to observe at least a benevolent neutral attitude towards its fellow Contracting Party.

Should, however, the attacking party in such a case be supported by Russia, either by an active cooperation or by military measures which constitute a menace to the Party attacked, then the obligation stipulated in Article 1 of this Treaty, for reciprocal assistance with the whole fighting force, becomes equally operative, and the conduct of the war by the two High Contracting Parties shall in this case also be in common until the conclusion of a common peace.

1. According the Dual Alliance between Austria-Hungary and Germany, what do both countries agree to do?

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1. What does the cartoon suggest will happen in the chain of events pictured?

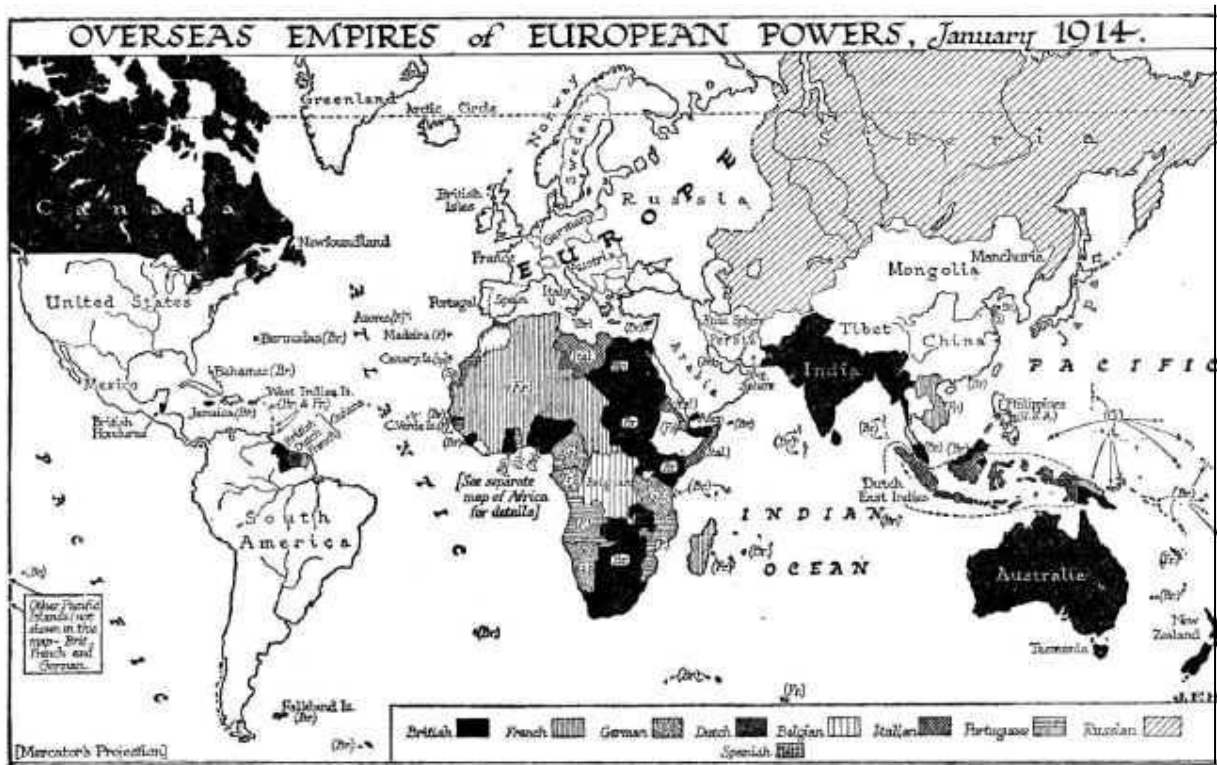
Chain of Friendship (SOURCE-- *Brooklyn Eagle*, July 1914)

European Alliances, 1914



1. What countries made up the Triple Alliance?
2. What countries made up the Triple Entente?
3. How does the location of the Triple Alliance impact the rest of the European countries?

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1. According to the above map, on what continents did European empires expand to?
2. Which European country's empire spread to all continents?

Document I

Source: Colin Nicolson, *The First World War, Europe 1914-1918*, Essex, England: Pearson Education Limited, 2001.

Size of Colonial Empires in 1913		
	Area (sq. km.)	Population of Colonies
Britain	33,000,000	400,000,000
France	11,500,000	56,000,000
Germany	2,950,000	12,000,000
Belgium	2,400,000	15,500,000
Portugal	2,100,000	7,000,000
Holland	2,000,000	38,000,000
Italy	1,500,000	1,600,000
USA	324,000	10,000,000
Japan	300,000	17,000,000
Spain	250,000	700,000
Austria-Hungary	0	0
Russia	0	0

1. Which three countries had the largest size empires in terms of land area?
2. What two European countries did not have any colonial empire holdings in 1913?

Document J

Excerpt from Count Cavour who was named prime minister of Piedmont-Sardinia.

We ardently wish to free Italy from foreign rule. . . . We want to drive out the foreigners not only because we want to see our country powerful and glorious, but because we want to elevate the Italian people in intelligence and moral development.

1. What action did Cavour recommend in this excerpt?
2. What did he predict would be the result of the above action?

Vocabulary

Assimilate- to take in or absorb. In the case below, it is cultural assimilation which would mean one group would lose its native language and culture as a result of being taken over by another group.

Source: Newspaper run by Colonel Dragulin Dimtrevic, head of Serbian military intelligence and founder of the secret society, "Union or Death" (called "The Black Hand" by its opponents), 1912.

The war between Serbia and Austria... is inevitable. If Serbia wants to live in honor, she can only do this by war. This war is determined by our obligation to our traditions and the world of culture. This war derives from the duty of our race which will not permit itself to be assimilated. This war must bring about the eternal freedom of Serbia, of the South Slavs, of the Balkan peoples. Our whole race must stand together to halt the onslaught of these aliens from the north.

1. Why does Colonel Dragulin Dimtrevic state that Serbia must go to war?
2. What is he afraid Serbia would lose if they did not go to war?

The Lusitania

Document K

The following warning was issued by Germany. It appeared in New York newspapers on May 1, 1915.

Notice! Travelers intending to embark on the Atlantic voyage are reminded that a state of war exists between Germany and her allies and Great Britain and her allies; that the zone of war includes the waters adjacent to the British Isles; that, in accordance with formal notice given by the Imperial German Government, vessels flying the flag of Great Britain, or any of her allies, are liable to destruction in those waters and that travelers sailing in the war zone on ships of Great Britain or her allies do so at their own risk. --Imperial German Embassy

1. What does Germany warn potential travelers of happening?

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"All the News That's Fit to Print."

The New York Times.

EXTRA 8:30 A. M.

VOL. XLIV., NO. 8881. NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1915.—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES. ONE CENT.

LUSITANIA SUNK BY A SUBMARINE, PROBABLY 1,260 DEAD; TWICE TORPEDOED OFF IRISH COAST; SINKS IN 15 MINUTES; CAPT. TURNER SAVED, FROHMAN AND VANDERBILT MISSING; WASHINGTON BELIEVES THAT A GRAVE CRISIS IS AT HAND

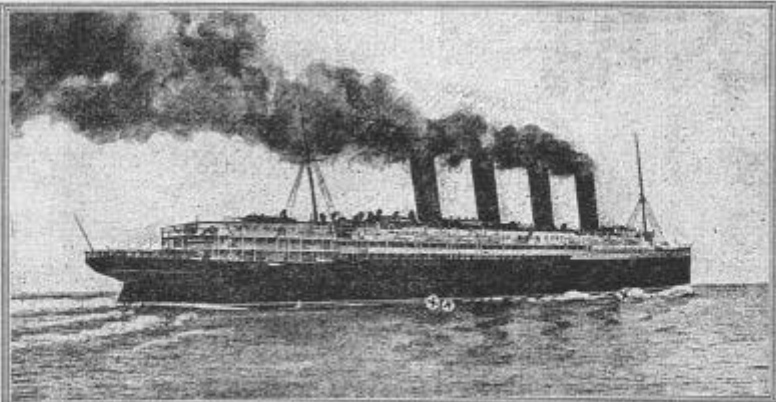
SHOCKS THE PRESIDENT
Washington Deeply Stirred by the Loss of American Lives.

BULLETINS AT WHITE HOUSE
Wilson Reads Them Closely, but is Silent on the Nation's Course.

HINTS OF CONGRESS CALL
Save of Lusitania Recite First Step of Our First Warning to Germany.

CAPITAL FULL OF RUMORS
Reports That Liner Was in Its Sinking Phase Before Official Notice Given.

Report in the New York Times
WASHINGTON, May 7.—(Special Telegrams.)—The news of the sinking of the Lusitania, which was torpedoed twice off the Irish coast, has caused a great commotion in the capital. The report that the liner was sunk in 15 minutes, and that 1,260 people were killed, has caused a great commotion in the capital. The report that the liner was sunk in 15 minutes, and that 1,260 people were killed, has caused a great commotion in the capital.



SOME DEAD TAKEN HOME
Several Hundred Survivors at Queenstown and Bristol.

STEAMBOATERS' ASSOCIATION
One Torpedo Crashes Into the Disarmed Liner's Bow, Another Into the Engine Room.

SHIP LISTS GIVEN TO FBI
Making It Impossible for Lost Many Bodies, the Hundreds Must Have Gone Down.

ATTACKS IN BROAD DAY
Passenger at Loughswilly, Ireland, Had Been Taken to Germany by the Ship Left New York.

Only 650 Were Saved, Few Cable Passengers
QUEENSTOWN, Saturday, May 8, 8:28 A. M.—Survivors of the Lusitania who have arrived here will state that only about 650 of those aboard the liner were saved, and that only a few cable passengers were saved.

The Lost Great Steamship Lusitania
X Where the First Torpedo Struck. O Where the Second Torpedo Struck.

1. According to the newspaper above, what happened?

Note- 124 of the 1,260 were Americans.

Zimmerman Telegram

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TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

By *Wm. A. Eckhoff, Assistant*
Date *Oct. 27, 1918*

FROM 2nd from London # 5747.

"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, ~~invite~~ ^{invite} 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.

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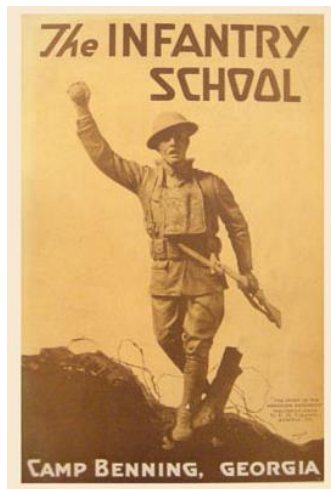
SOME PROMISE!

April 1917

The Zimmermann Telegram was a coded message sent from German Foreign Minister Arthur Zimmermann to Germany's ambassador in Mexico, Heinrich von Eckhardt, in January 1917.

1. What does Germany propose that Mexico do in the transcript of the telegram?
2. According to the telegram and the political cartoon, what does Germany offer to Mexico in return if they do this?

Doc O: Georgia's Contribution to World War I



Camp Benning Infantry School Booklet



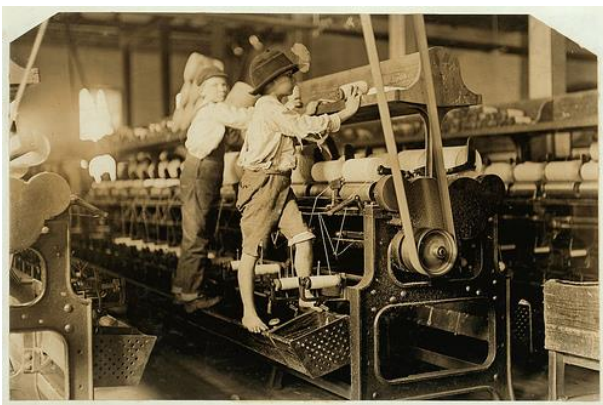
Camp Benning Infantry Training, WWI Era



Camp Gordon Bayonet Drill, WWI



Fort Oglethorpe Marching Drill, WWI



Textile Mill Located in Macon, GA



Victory Garden, Atlanta, Georgia

1. Based on the above pictures, what was one of Georgia's contributions to World War I?

