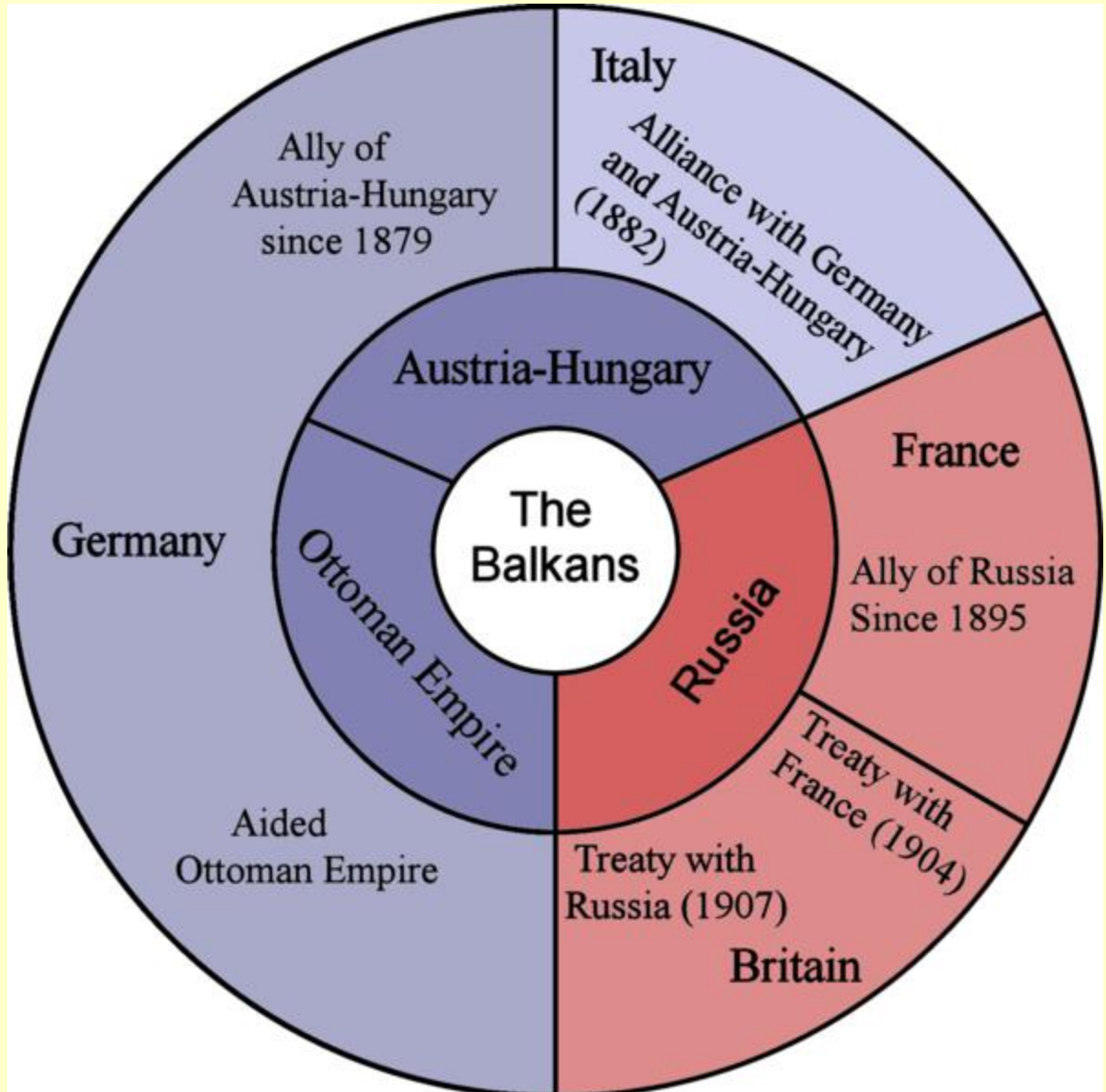
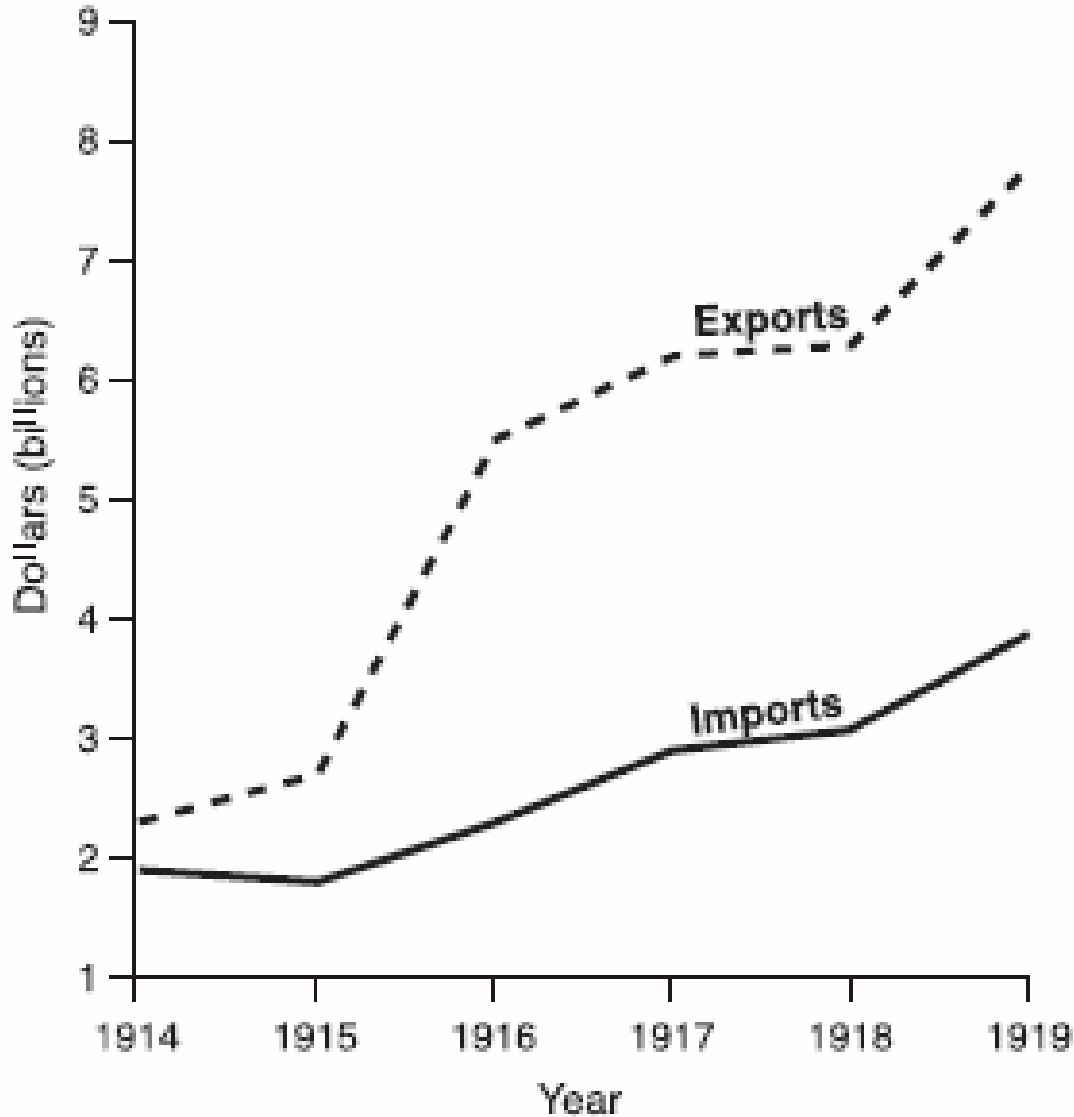


# Objective: To examine the causes of America's involvement in World War I. USHC 5.4



## United States Imports and Exports, 1914-1919



Source: United States Bureau of the Census (adapted)

## American Neutrality

- Officially, the U.S. was a *neutral* country.
- However, we traded food, weapons, oil, steel, and other goods far more with the Allied Powers than with the Central Powers.

# HOW THE HUN HATES!

- Both the Allied Powers and Central powers used *propaganda* in order to support their cause by making their enemies seem savage.



THE **HUNS** CAPTURED SOME OF OUR FISHERMEN IN THE NORTH SEA AND TOOK THEM TO SENNELAGER. THEY CHARGED THEM WITHOUT A SHRED OF EVIDENCE WITH BEING "MINE LAYERS." THEY ORDERED THEM TO BE PUNISHED WITHOUT A TRIAL.

THAT PUNISHMENT CONSISTED IN SHAVING ALL THE HAIR OFF ONE SIDE OF THE HEAD AND FACE.

THE **HUNS** THEN MARCHED THEIR VICTIMS THROUGH THE STREETS AND EXPOSED THEM TO THE JEERS OF THE **GERMAN** **POPULACE**.

**BRITISH SAILORS! LOOK! READ! AND REMEMBER!**





*Daddy, what did YOU do in the Great War?*

# THE "SCRAP OF PAPER"



These are the signatures and seals of the representatives of the Six Powers to the "Scrap of Paper"—the Treaty signed in 1839 guaranteeing the independence and neutrality of Belgium.

"Palmerston" signed for Britain. "Bulow" for Prussia.

The Germans have broken their pledged word and devastated Belgium. Help to Keep your Country's honour bright by restoring Belgium her liberty.

# ENLIST TO-DAY





A. Setkowiec.

Geh' o Soldat! und deine Pflicht erfülle!  
Christus, der gute Hirt — bewachet seine Herden —  
O Herr! Zukomme uns Dein Reich und gescheh' Dein Wille  
Wie in dem Himmel, also auch auf Erden.



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## Freedom of the Seas



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BRITANNIA MUST BE MORE CAREFUL HOW SHE WAVES THE RULES.

Jan. 16. 16

—McCutcheon in the Chicago Tribune.

- The **U.S.**, as a neutral nation, **claimed the right to trade with either side in the war.**

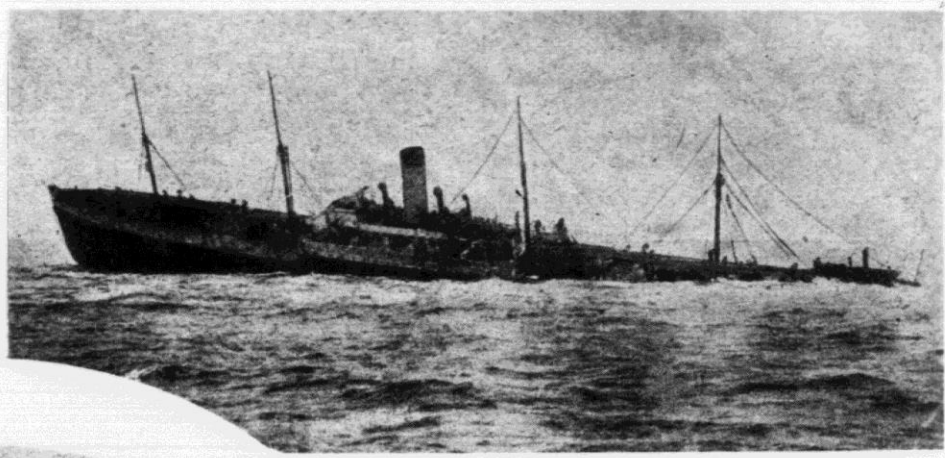
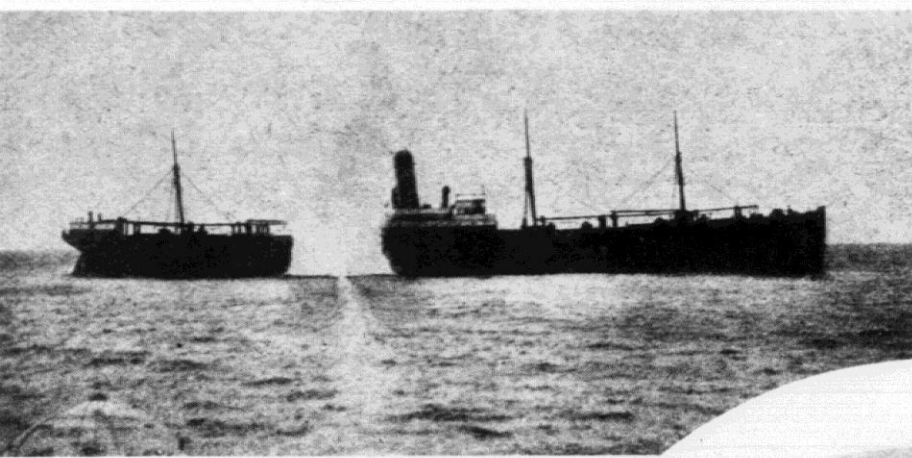
- However, **Britain and Germany set up blockades** around the British and German coasts.



- German submarines, called **U-boats**, torpedoed enemy ships and neutral ships trading with the enemy.







*A German U-boat Torpedoes a Steamer, circa 1916*





JOHN BULL USES THE AMERICAN FLAG FOR PROTECTION—  
From the *American* (New York)  
march 1911



- In 1915, a German submarine torpedoed the *Lusitania*, a British passenger ship, killing approximately 1,200 people, including 128 Americans.



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

# The New York Times.

**EXTRA**  
8:30 A. M.

VOL. LXXV., NO. 25826

NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1915.—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES.

FIVE CENTS

## **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**

White House—There Gladly, but is Silent on the Nation's Course.

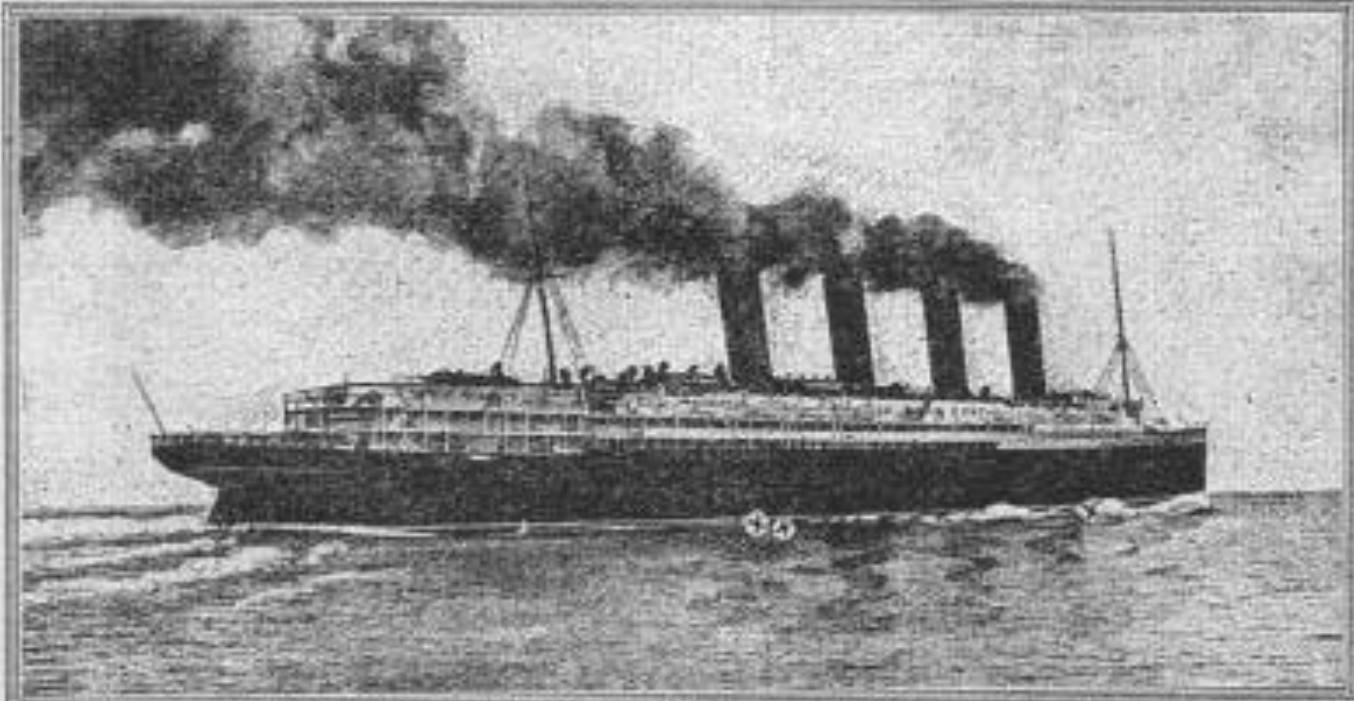
### **HINTS OF CONGRESS CALL**

Loss of Lusitania Revive Firm Tone of Our First Warning to Germany.

### **CAPITAL FULL OF RUMORS**

Rumors That Liner Was to Be Sunk were Made Before Actual News Came.

Special to the New York Times.  
WASHINGTON, May 7.—News about the loss of the Lusitania, which was sunk off the Irish coast, has caused a great commotion in the city. The news was received at 10 o'clock and the city was in a state of excitement. The news was received at 10 o'clock and the city was in a state of excitement. The news was received at 10 o'clock and the city was in a state of excitement.



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

### **SOME DEAD TAKEN ASHORE**

Several Hundred Survivors at Queenstown and Kinsale.

### **STEAMTOWNS BOOMING**

One Torpedo Crashes into the Lusitania's Bow, Another into the Empty Stern.

### **SHIP LISTS SINK TO PORT**

Wreck is Impossible to Locate Many Weeks, the Wreckers Must Have Gone Down.

### **ATTACKED IN BROAD DAY**

Passengers at Queenstown, but None Seen to Survive in the Ship's Life Rafts.

### **Only 850 Were Saved, Few Cabin Passengers**

QUEENSTOWN, Saturday, May 8, 4:20 A. M.—Survivors of the Lusitania who have arrived here estimate that only about 850 of those aboard the vessel were saved, and an only a

Americans were infuriated with the destruction of the Lusitania.

**LOADING MANIFEST.**For steamship *RMS Lusitania* of the Cunard Line.Which ship is clearing the port of New York on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1915.

(Page 1 of 2).

Goods consigned to Liverpool.

Sheet brass, lbs	260,000	\$ 49,565
Copper	111,762	20,995
Copper wire, lbs	58,465	11,000
Cheese, lbs	217,157	33,334
Beef, lbs	342,165	30,995
Lard, lbs	40,003	4,000
Butter, lbs	43,614	8,730
Bacon, lbs	185,040	18,502
Casings, pkgs	10	150
Canned Meat, cases	485	1,373
Canned Vegetables, cases	248	744
Cutlery, packages	63	10,492
Shoes, pkgs	10	726
Tongues, pkgs	10	224
Oysters, bbls	205	1,025
Lubricating oils, bbls	25	1,129
Hardware, pkgs	31	742
Leather, pkgs	30	16,870
Reclaimed rubber, pkgs	10	347
Furs, bales	349	119,220
Notions, pkgs	2	974
Confectionery, pkgs	655	2,823
Silverware, pkgs	8	700
Precious stones, pkgs	32	13,350
Jewelry, pkgs	2	251
Belting, pkgs	2	1,243
Auto, vehicles and parts, pkgs	5	616
Electrical material, pkgs	8	2,464
Machinery, pkgs	2	1,386
Copper mfs., pkgs	138	21,000
Steel mfs., pkgs	8	354
Aluminum mfs., pkgs	144	6,000
Brass mfs., pkgs	95	6,306
Iron mfs., pkgs	33	3,381
Old rubber, pkgs	7	341
Military goods, pkgs	189	66,221
Dry goods, pkgs	238	19,036
I.R. Goods, pkgs	1	131
Wire goods, pkgs	16	771
Staves, pkgs	2,351	200
Ammunition, cases	1,271	47,624
Salt, pkgs	100	125
Bronze powder, cases	50	1,000

Goods consigned to Bristol.

Dental goods, pkgs	7	2,319
Steel mfs. Pkgs	4	331

Goods consigned to Dublin.

Engines and materials, pkgs	2	140
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Goods consigned to Glasgow.

Notions, pkgs	1	479
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Goods consigned to Kobe.

Liquid glue, pkgs	2	124
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Goods consigned to London.

Books, pkgs	9	845
Drugs, pkgs	8	458
Wool yarn, pkgs	1	105
Shoes, cases	1	274
Bronze powder, cases	16	887
Motorcycles and parts, pkgs	8	1,650
Paintings, pkgs	1	2,312
Furs, pkgs	1	750
Printed matter, pkgs	14	147
Leather, cases	89	31,517
Cartridges and ammunition, cases	4,200	152,400
Films, cases	1	100
Machine patterns, pkgs	3	1,500
Machinery, pkgs	6	1,149
Electrical machinery, pkgs	1	1,616
Watch material, pkgs	2	2,489
Electrical materials, pkgs	4	3,200
Auto, vehicle and parts, pkgs	4	340
Optical goods, pkgs	1	1,313
Dental goods, pkgs	10	3,692

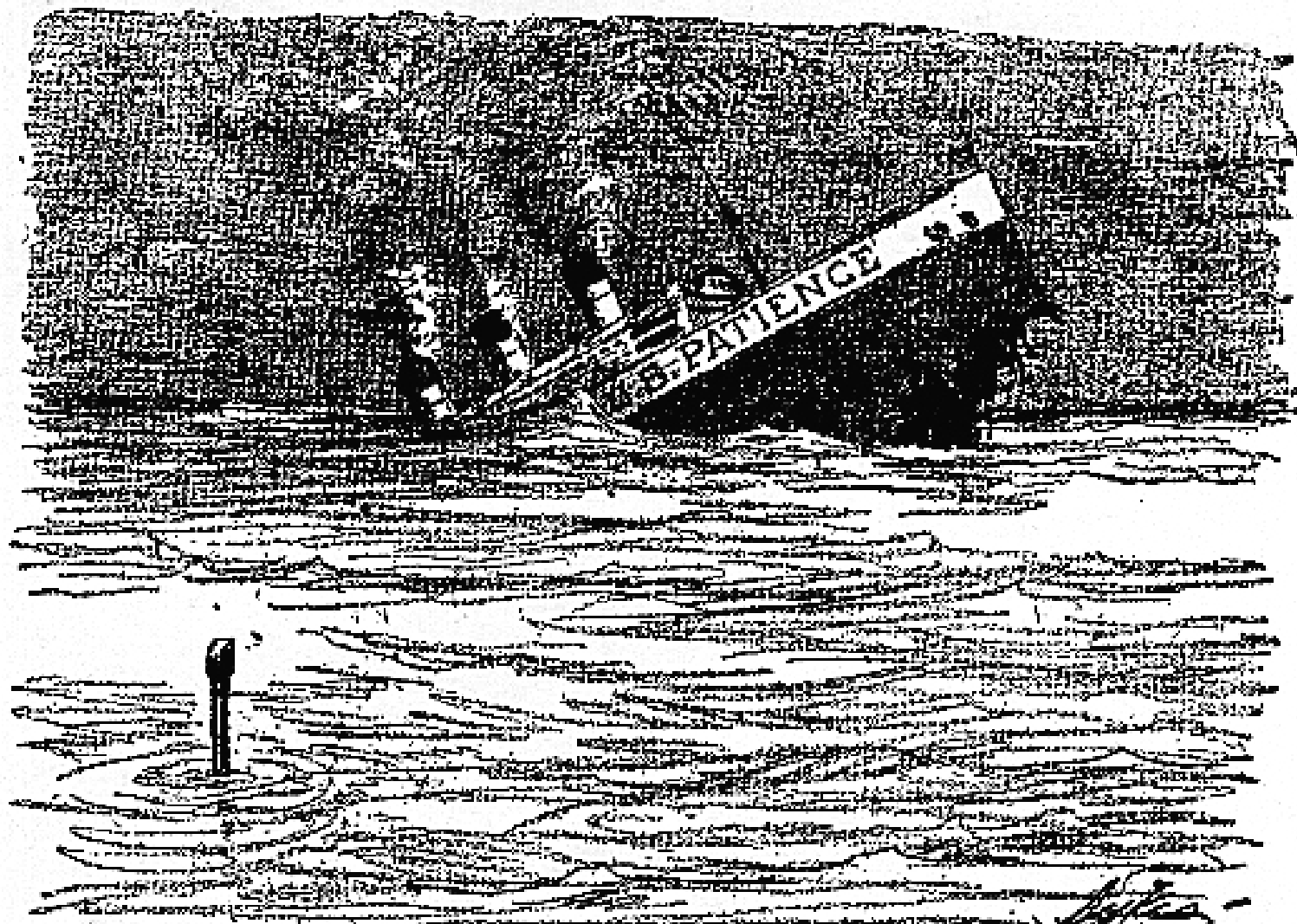
Goods consigned to Manchester.

Sewing machines and parts, pkgs	20	360
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Total value of cargo loaded		\$735,579
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THE CROWNING ACHIEVEMENT

*May 3 -16*

THIS LATEST SUBMARINE VICTIM MAY BE THE LAST





Publishing Company

SOME PROMISE!

*April 19*

## Moving Toward War

### Zimmermann telegram:

- secret message from Germany to Mexico urging Mexico to attack the U.S. if the U.S. declared war on Germany
- Germany promised to help Mexico regain land it lost to the U.S. in the Mexican War.
- \* **The U.S. declared war on the Central Powers in 1917.**

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Patrons should mark as X opposite the class of service desired. OTHERWISE THE TELEGRAM WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS A FAST DAY MESSAGE.

CHARGE  
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# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

CLASS	15
NO.	3500
DATE	
TIME FILED	

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

via Galveston

JAN 19 1917

GERMAN LEGATION  
MEXICO CITY

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(above) Zimmermann Telegram as Received by the German Ambassador to Mexico, 01/19/1917 (right) decoded words



# Zimmermann Telegram: Decoded Message

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October 1-8-08

Director, State Dept.

By Mark A. Eckhoff

Date Oct. 27, 1951

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~~ <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.

**“Over There”**  
**by George M. Cohan**

Johnnie, get your gun,  
Get your gun, get your gun,  
Take it on the run,  
On the run, on the run.  
Hear them calling, you and me,  
Every son of liberty.  
Hurry right away,  
No delay, go today,  
Make your daddy glad  
To have had such a lad.  
Tell your sweetheart not to pine,  
To be proud her boy's in line.  
(chorus sung twice)

**Chorus**

Over there, over there,  
Send the word, send the  
word over there -  
That the Yanks are coming,  
The Yanks are coming,  
The drums rum-tumming  
Ev'rywhere.  
So prepare, say a pray'r,  
Send the word, send the  
word to beware.  
We'll be over, we're coming  
over,  
And we won't come back till  
it's over  
Over there.



Johnnie, get your gun,  
Get your gun, get your gun,  
Johnnie show the Hun  
Who's a son of a gun.  
Hoist the flag and let her fly,  
Yankee Doodle do or die.  
Pack your little kit,  
Show your grit, do your bit.  
Yankee to the ranks,  
From the towns and the  
tanks.  
Make your mother proud of  
you,  
And the old Red, White and  
Blue.

(chorus sung twice)

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