

AMERICA & THE GREAT WAR

1914-1918





STEPS TOWARD WAR



June 1914

**Wilson
pledges
Neutrality**

England & America Historical & cultural connection

SIDE BY SIDE~
BRITANNIA!



Immigration period	Number of Immigrants
1820–1840	160,335
1841–1850	434,626
1851–1860	951,667
1861–1870	787,468
1871–1880	718,182
1881–1890	1,452,970
1891–1900	505,152
1901–1910	341,498
1911–1920	143,945

German Immigrants



SINKING OF THE LUSITANIA

MAY 7, 1915



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

The New York Times.

VOL. LXIV...NO. 20,928. NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1915.—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES. ONE CENT

LUSITANIA SUNK BY A SUBMARINE, PROBABLY 1,000 DEAD; TWICE TORPEDOED OFF IRISH COAST; SINKS IN 15 MINUTES; AMERICANS ABOARD INCLUDED VANDERBILT AND FROHMAN; WASHINGTON BELIEVES THAT A GRAVE CRISIS IS AT HAND

THE WEATHER
Fair today and Sunday, breezy to strong southwest to west winds. (After 10:00 tonight report on page 1.)

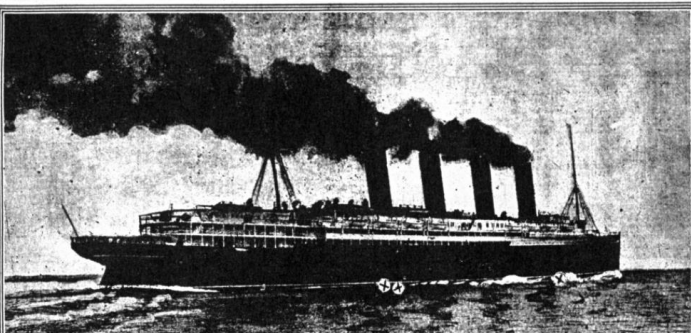
THE PRESIDENT
Washington Deeply Stirred by Disaster and Fears a Crisis.

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

HINTS OF CONGRESS CALL
Lines of Lusitanian Recall Firm Tone of Our First Warning to Germany.

CAPITAL FULL OF RUMORS
Reports That Liner Was to be Sunk Were Heard Before Actual News Came.

Special to The New York Times. WASHINGTON, May 8.—(AP)—



SOME DEAD TAKEN ASHORE
Several Hundred Survivors at Queenstown and Kinsale.

STEWARDS TELL OF DISAST
One Torpedo Crashes Into Doomed Liner's Bow, Another Into the Engine Room.

SHIP LISTS OVER TO PD
Makes it Impossible to List Many Deaths. So Hundred Must Have Gone Down.

ATTACKED IN BRIGAD
Passengers at Queenstown—Were Had Been Given by Germans Before the Ship Left New York.

LONDON, Saturday, May 8.—(AP)—

THE NEW YORK HERALD.

PART II. NEW YORK, SATURDAY, MAY 8, 1915.—TWENTY-TWO PAGES. PRICE THREE CENTS.

THE LUSITANIA IS SUNK; 1,000 PROBABLY ARE LOST



GERMANS TORPEDO THE GIANT STEAMSHIP AND SHE FOUNDERS EIGHT MILES FROM IRISH COAST

Two Boats Are Lowered and Officers Work Heroically, but Torpedo of Water Through Great Hole in Vessel's Bottom Sends Her Down, Bow First, in Twenty Minutes.

TWO FEARFUL MISSILES TEAR THROUGH
SIDE NEAR BOW AND AT THE ENGINE ROOM.

Great Ship Is Sinking St. George's Channel as the Unseen Enemy Launches Torpedoes That Bend Her Hull.

RESCUE VESSELS SPEED TO THE SCENE TO PICK UP SURVIVORS; ONLY 500 ARE ACCOUNTED FOR

Wireless Call for Help Is Answered by Many Fishing Craft and Land Stations, but Royal Observer Asserts Ship Shipwreck Before Aid Can Reach Her.

TUG ARRIVES AT QUEENSTOWN WITH 150 SURVIVORS FOUND IN BOATS

Special Cable to the Herald.

World Bureau, No. 100 Fleet Street, London, Saturday.

THE LUSITANIA, one of the largest and finest vessels in the world, was sinking the afternoon of May 7, 1915, off the coast of Ireland, after she had been torpedoed by a German submarine.

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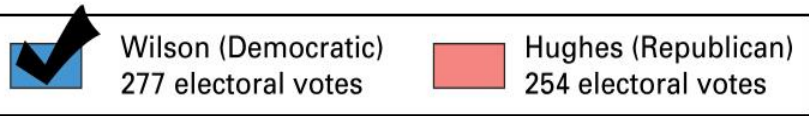
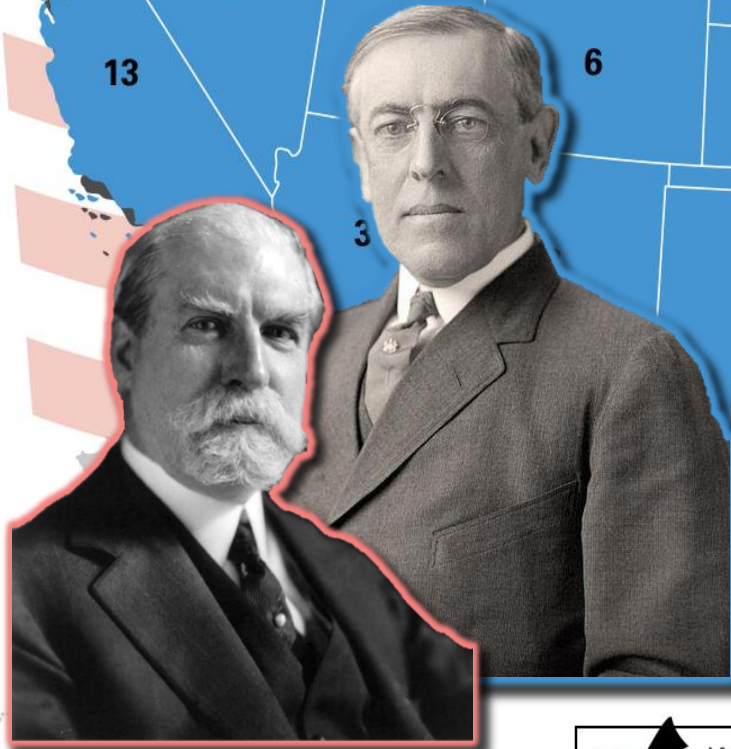
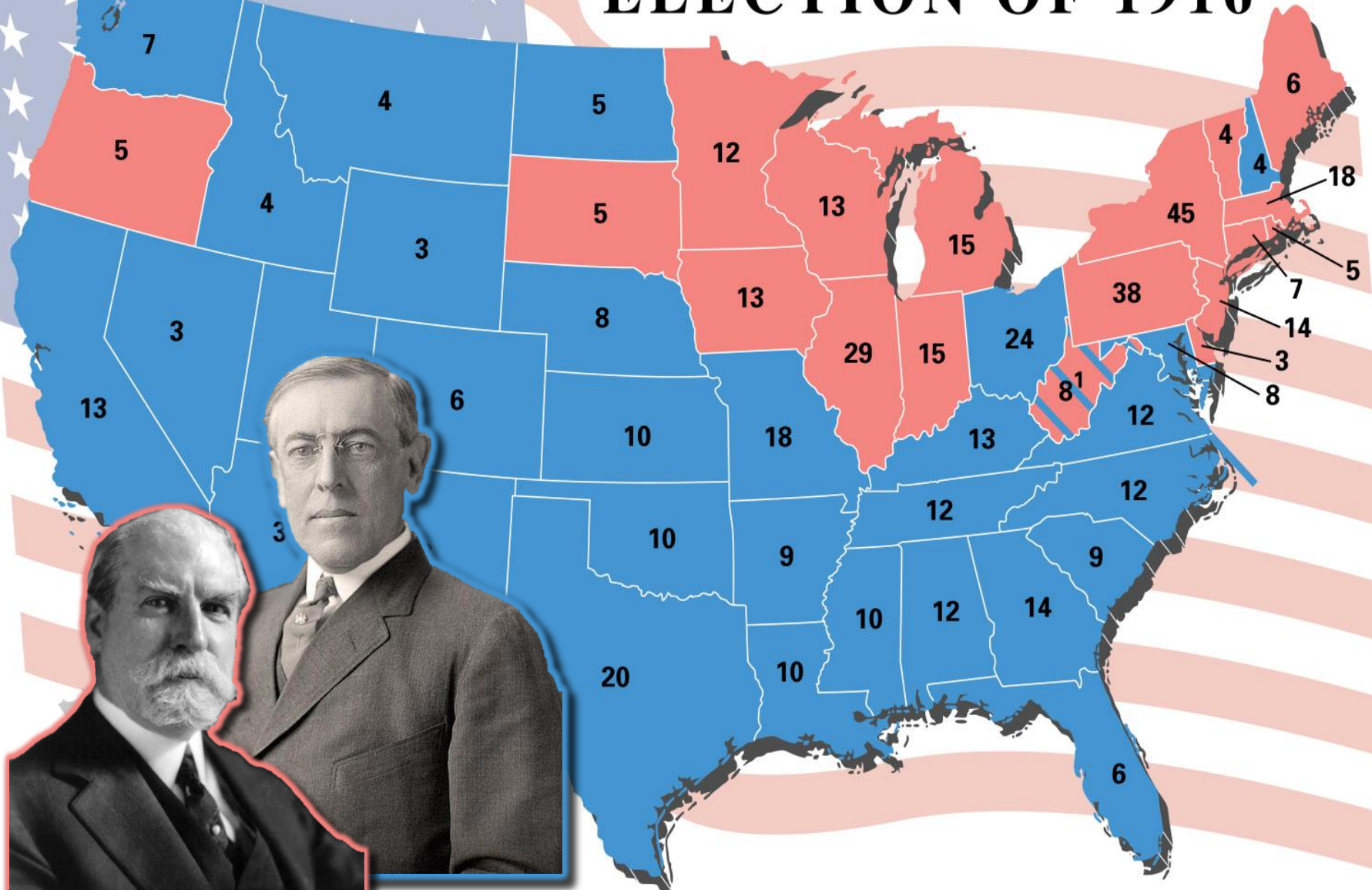
TAKE UP THE SWORD OF JUSTICE



1,198 passengers and crew

128 AMERICANS

ELECTION OF 1916

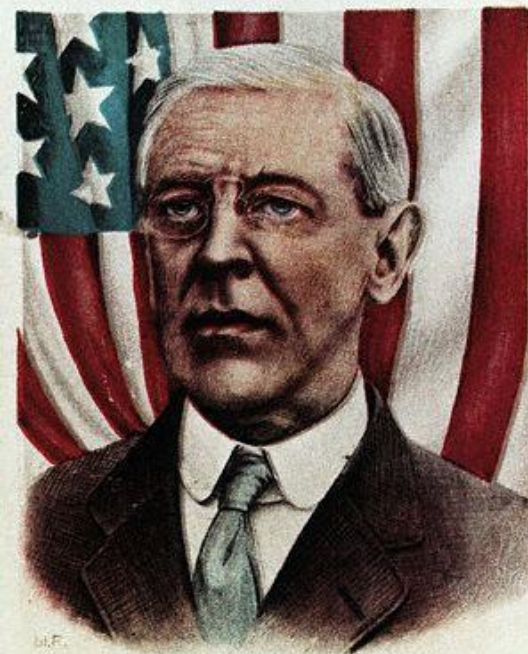


¹ West Virginia split its electoral votes: Hughes 7, Wilson 1.



PUNCH, OR THE LONDON CHARIVARI, OCTOBER 18, 1916.

AMERICA FIRST



Wilson, That's All!

OUR PRESIDENT



says

Preparedness is Imperative

The Battle Cry of Peace

will convince YOU

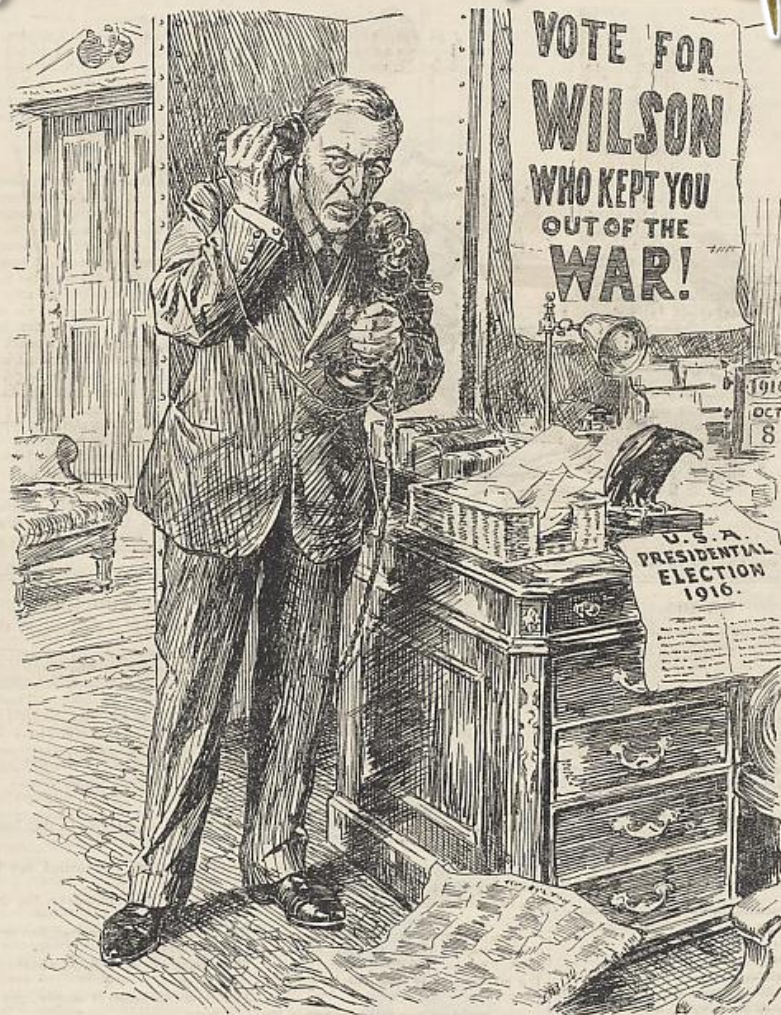
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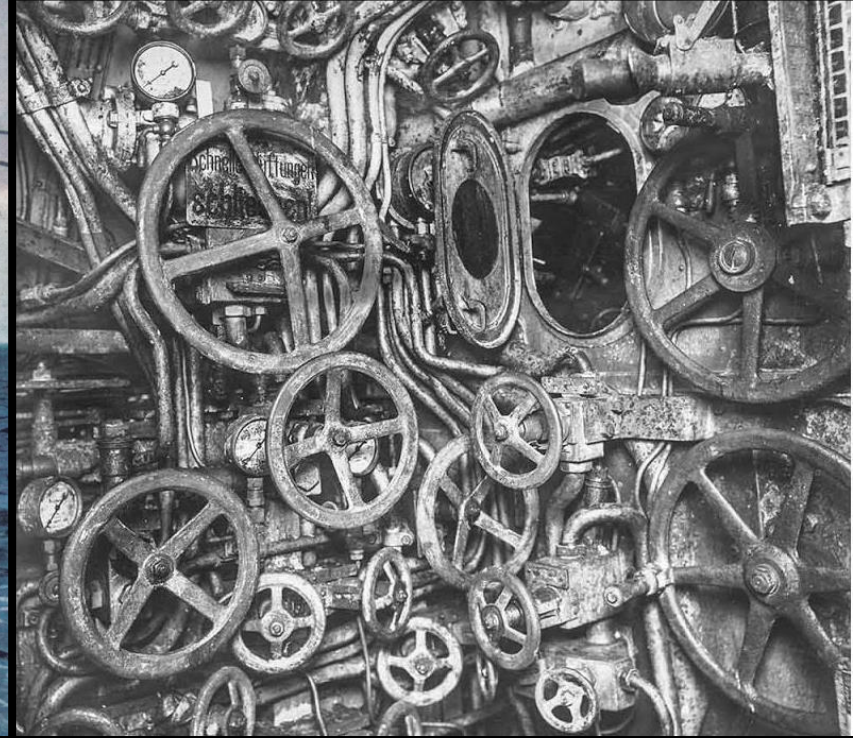
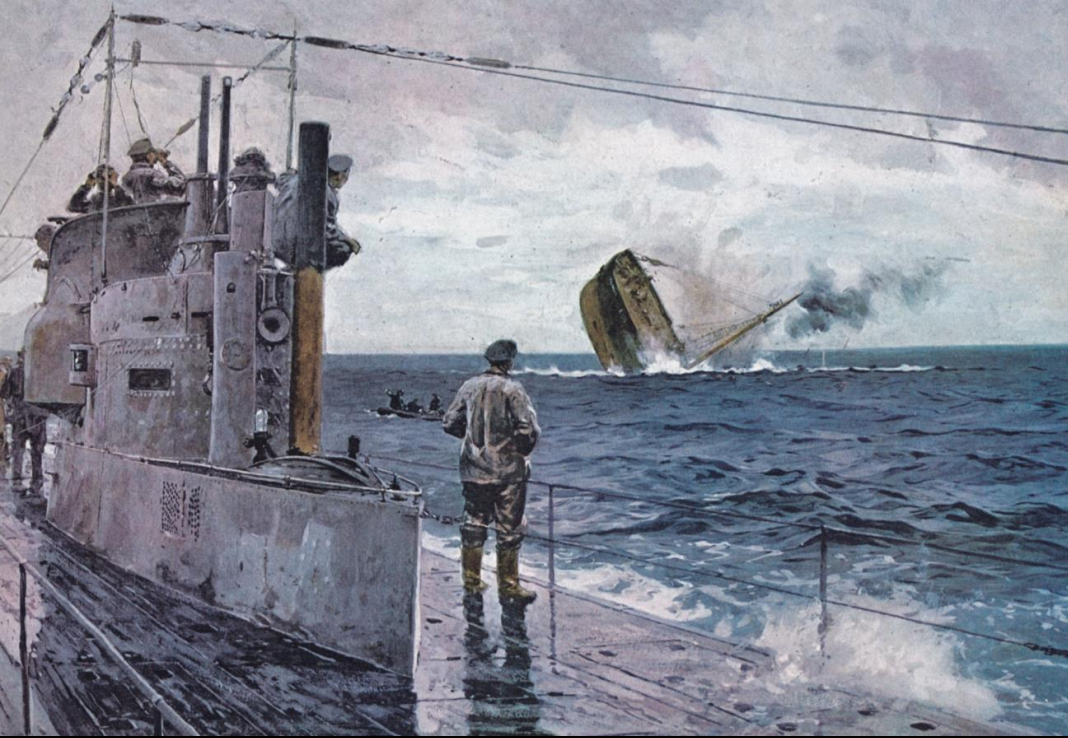


BRINGING IT HOME.

UNRESTRICTED SUBMARINE WARFARE

FEBRUARY 1917





GERMAN WW1 U-BOAT: U 31 CLASS

Ship's engines

Ship's battery engines generated explosive hydrogen gas



Crew's quarters

35 men slept in very cramped conditions

Torpedoes

The U-boats were armed with six torpedoes



German WW1 U-boat: U 31 class / Year 1914
Displacement 878 tons
Range 8790 miles



35 men

2-shaft diesel/electric motors 64.7 m

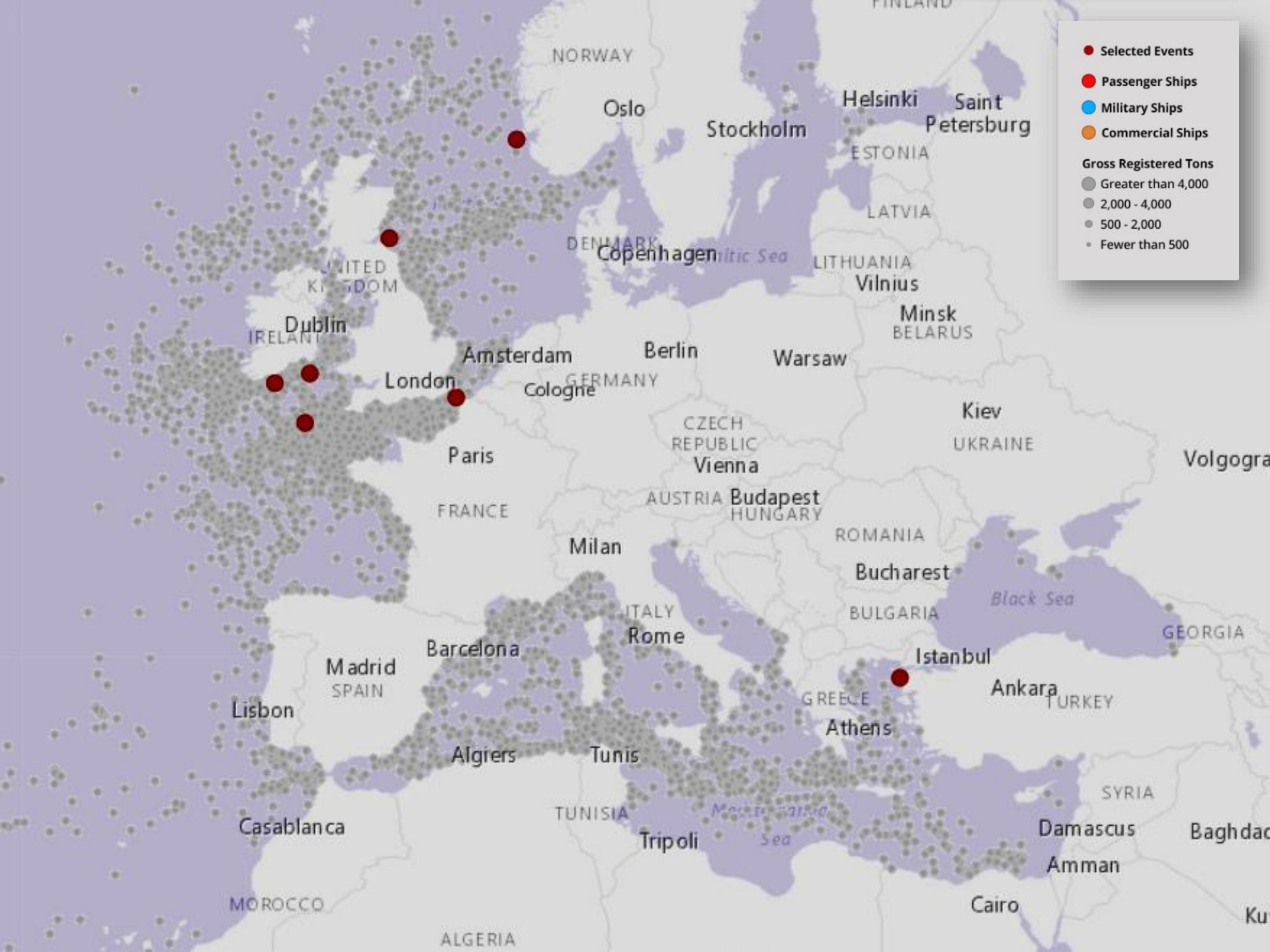
Modern Submarine: British Astute class / Year 2010
Displacement 7200 tons
Range Unlimited



98 men

2 x Rolls-Royce PWR2 Nuclear Reactors

97 m



U.S. DECLARES WAR

APRIL 2, 1917





"The world must be made safe for Democracy!"
— WOODROW WILSON —




SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINES





MOBILIZATION

A historical black and white photograph of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington, D.C. The Capitol's iconic dome and neoclassical architecture are the central focus. In the foreground on the left, a large American flag with many stars waves on a tall pole. Above the Capitol, a massive rigid airship, likely a Zeppelin, is seen in flight. The background shows a hazy view of the city and distant hills. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a text block in a stylized, outlined font.

**President Wilson and
Congress created
5,000 bureaucratic
agencies to manage
and win the war**

C.P.I. DELEGATES TO EUROPE

Committee on Public Information
11 Days after declaration of War. Created to "sell" the War.

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JAMES HODGSON FLEGG



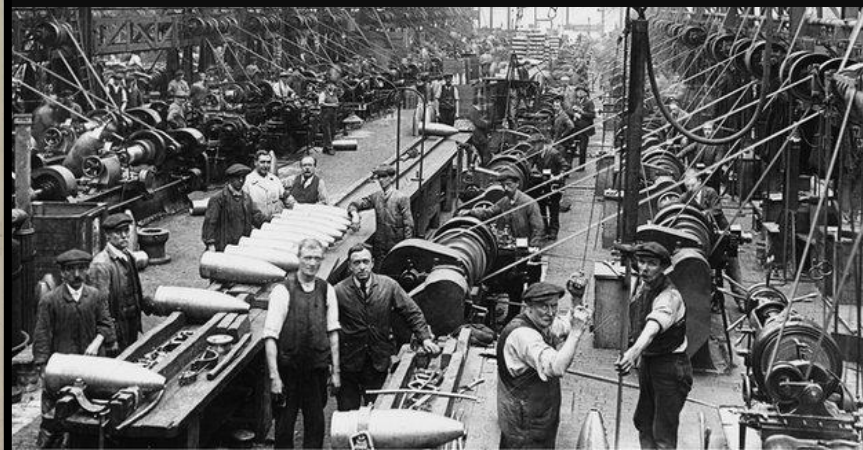
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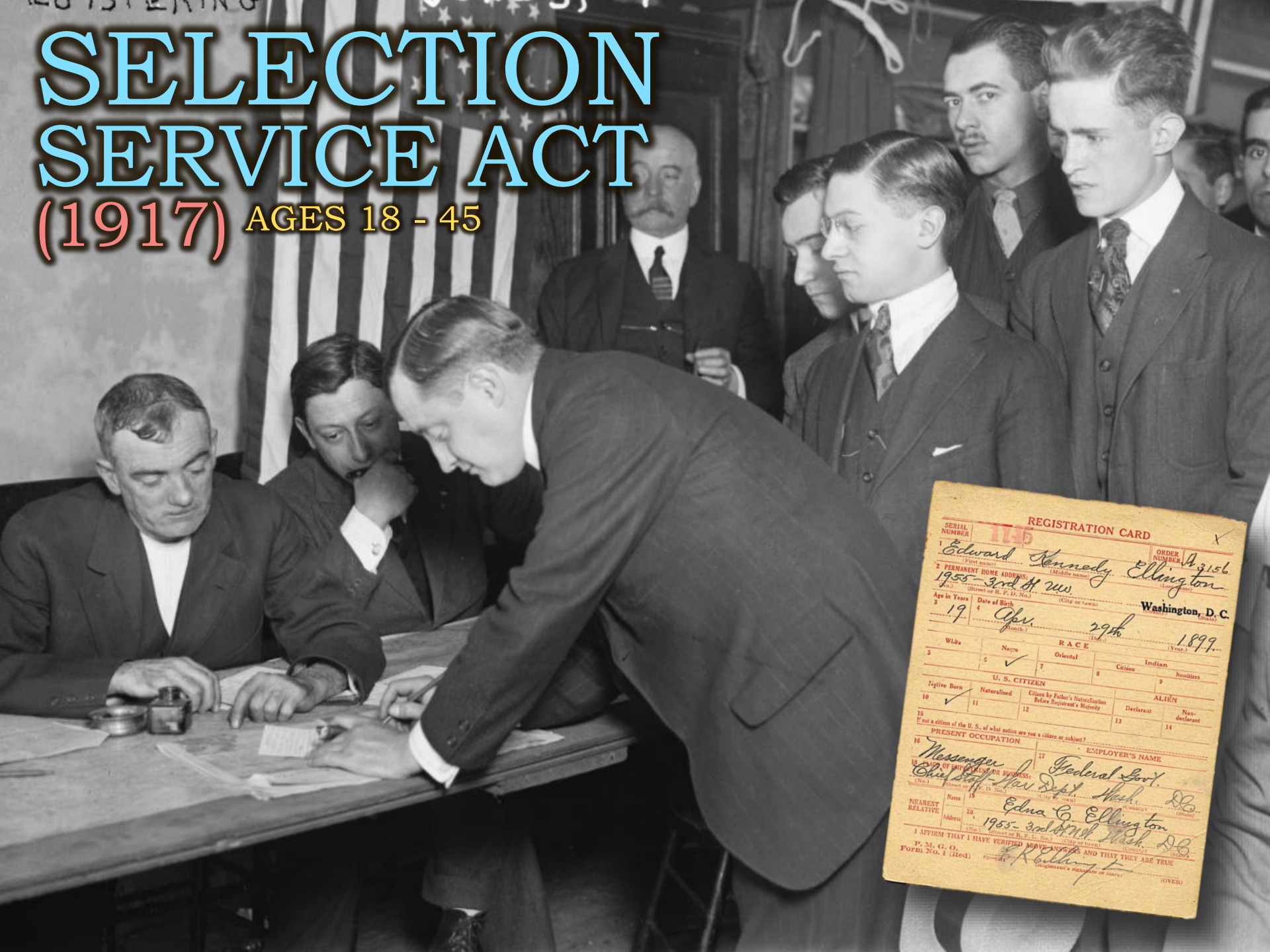
National War Labor Board

PRESSED INDUSTRY TO IMPROVE WAGES, ADOPT AN 8 HR WORKDAY, AND ALLOW UNIONS THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE AND BARGAIN COLLECTIVELY



SELECTION SERVICE ACT

(1917) AGES 18 - 45



REGISTRATION CARD									
1 SERIAL NUMBER 11-5		2 ORDER NUMBER H 3156							
3 Edward Kennedy Ellington (First name) (Middle name) (Last name)									
4 1955-3rd St NW (No.) (Street, P. O. No.) (City or town)									
5 Age in Years 19		6 Date of Birth Apr. 29th		7 Washington, D. C. (City or town) (State)					
8 White		9 Negro		10 RACE Oriental		11 Indian		12 Hostilities	
13 U. S. CITIZEN									
14 Native Born		15 Naturalized		16 Citizen by Father's Naturalization Before Registrant's Birth		17 ALIEN		18 Declared Not-declared	
19 I am not a citizen of the U. S., of what nation are you a citizen or subject?									
20 PRESENT OCCUPATION									
21 Messenger		22 EMPLOYER'S NAME Federal Govt.							
23 I am not of legal age for business: Child, Infant, Juvenile, Adult, or other (Specify)									
24 NEAREST RELATIVE Name Edna B. Ellington		25 Address 1955-3rd St NW Wash. D.C.							
26 I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE									
27 P. M. G. O. Form No. 1 (Rev. 1917)									



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**I WANT YOU
FOR U.S. ARMY**

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LAURA BREY

On Which
Side of the
Window are
YOU?

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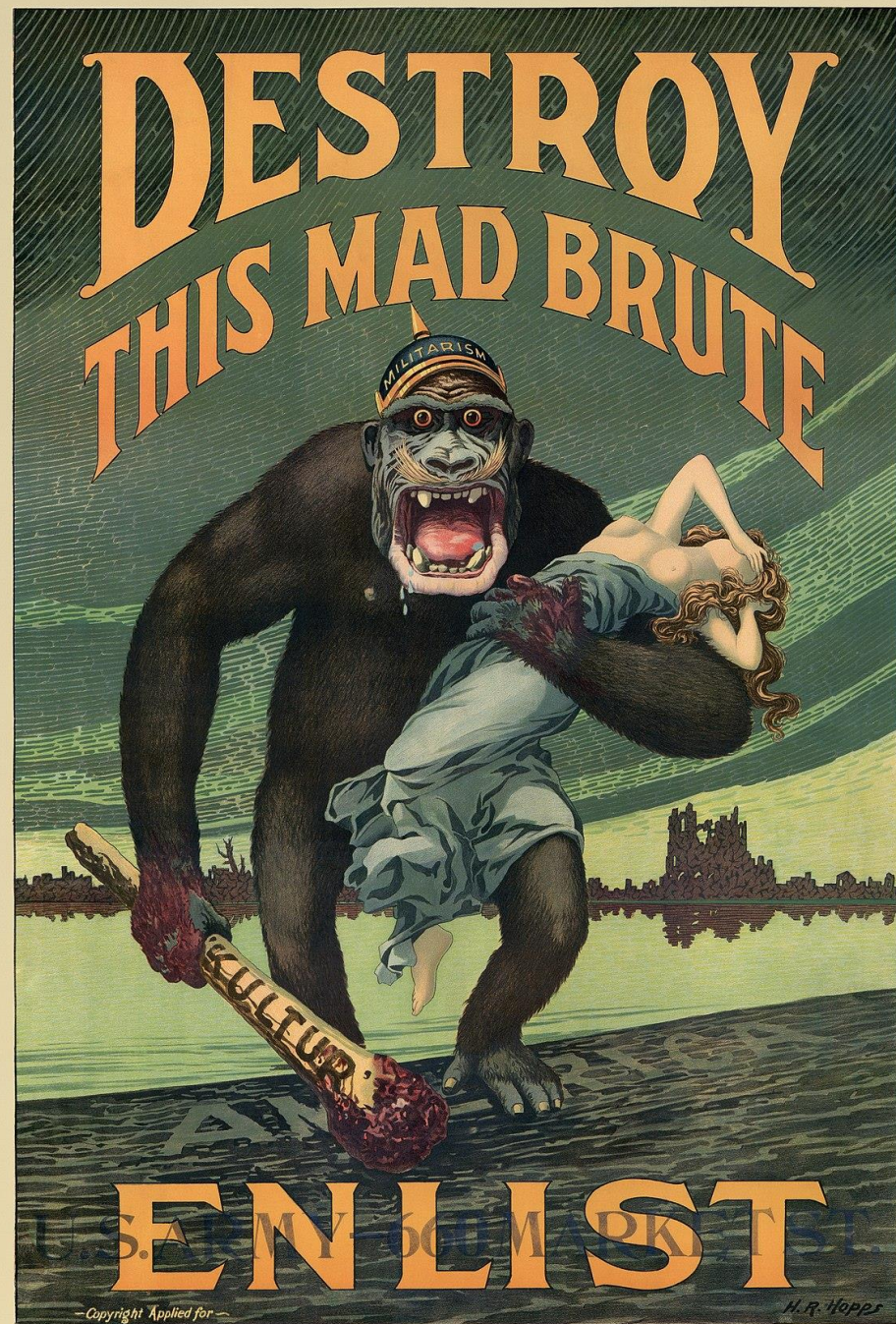


HE'S
HAPPY &
SATISFIED

ARE YOU?

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GEE !!
I WISH I WERE
A MAN

I'd JOIN
The NAVY,

Howard Chandler Christy, 1918

OR
NAVAL RESERVE
COAST GUARD



EVEN A DOG ENLISTS
WHY NOT YOU ?

660 MARKET ST. SAN FRANCISCO
Or any U. S. Army Recruiting Station

American Expeditionary Forces

C. 2,000,000 SOLDIERS



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MANHATTAN CASINO

FRIDAY EVE. DEC. 6

OUR COLORED FIGHTERS

(U.S. OFFICIAL FILM)

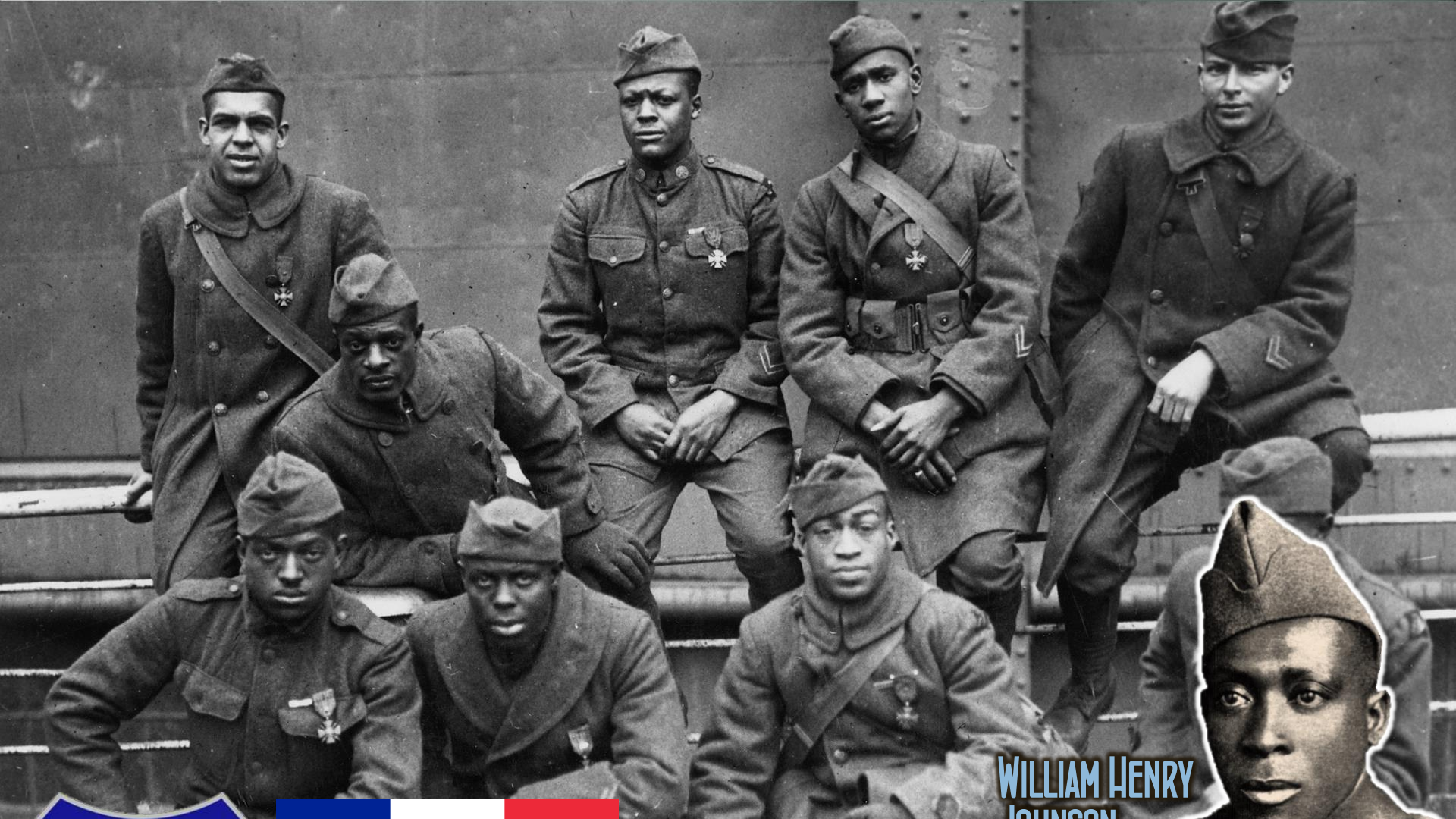
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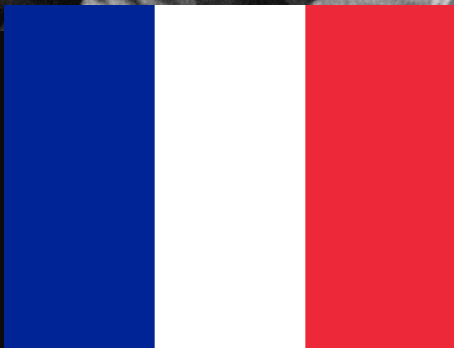
c. 380,000 AFRICAN AMERICANS SERVED IN WORLD WAR I,
BUT WERE RESTRICTED TO NON-COMBAT ROLES.







WILLIAM HENRY
JOHNSON



369TH INFANTRY REGIMENT
"HARLEM HELLFIGHTERS"





THOUSANDS
WORKED IN
FACTORIES



c. 1,000,000
WORKED IN
MUNITIONS
GLOBALLY



c. 20,000

U.S. ARMY NURSE
CORPS



c. 13,000
SERVED IN THE
U.S. NAVY





19th AMENDMENT

AUG. 18, 1920



Beat back the **HUN**
with
**LIBERTY
BONDS**

F. Strothmann.

LIBERTY BONDS

REGULAR CITIZENS LOANED
THE U.S. GOV. MONEY TO WIN
THE WAR WHICH IT PROMISED
TO PAY BACK WITH INTEREST

SOLD IN INCREMENTS OF **\$50-\$1000**

GENERATED A SENSE
OF PATRIOTISM

\$17 BILLION RAISED



ARE YOU 100%
AMERICAN?
PROVE IT!
BUY
U.S. GOVERNMENT BONDS
THIRD
LIBERTY LOAN



My Daddy Bought Me a Government Bond
of the

THIRD LIBERTY LOAN

Did Yours?

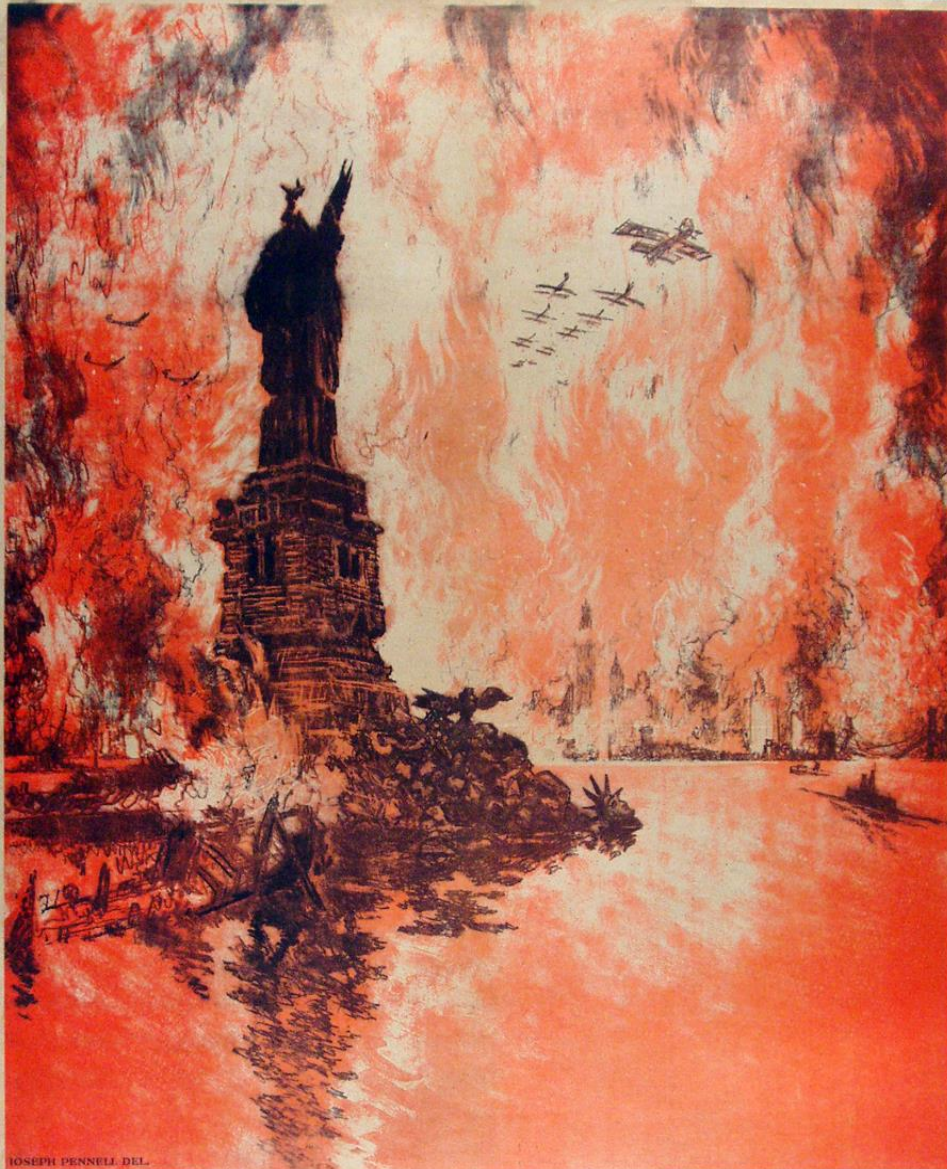
HIS LIBERTY BOND



PAID FOR IN FULL

This boy has made his last great sacrifice. Are we, as Americans, doing our part? In buying Liberty Bonds we can provide the money necessary to sustain and protect our other boys who must take his place in the trenches. Let us do our duty and do it quickly.

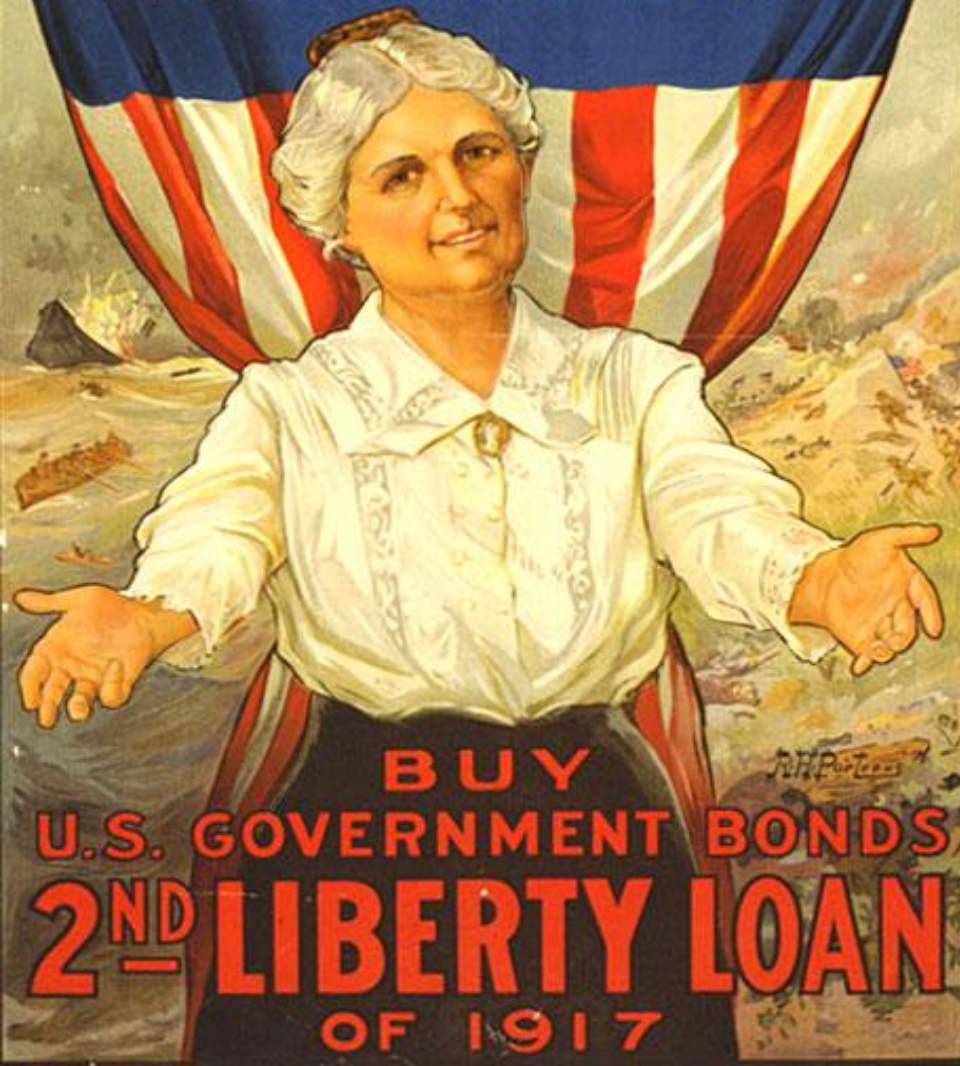
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**THAT LIBERTY SHALL NOT
PERISH FROM THE EARTH
BUY LIBERTY BONDS**

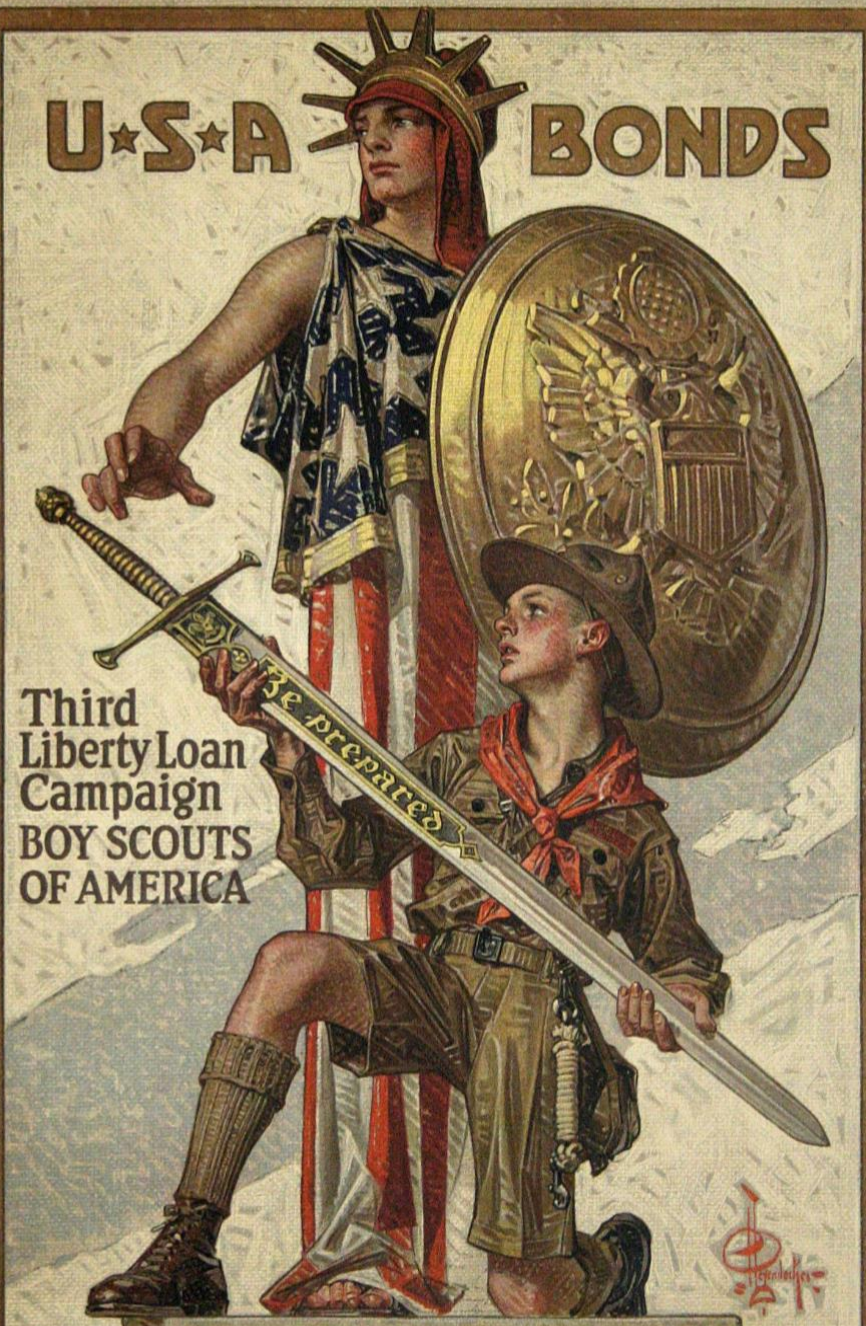
FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN

WOMEN!
HELP AMERICA'S SONS
WIN THE WAR



BUY
U.S. GOVERNMENT BONDS
2ND - LIBERTY LOAN
OF 1917

U★S★A BONDS



Third
Liberty Loan
Campaign
BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA

WEAPONS FOR LIBERTY

VICTORY GARDENS & FRUGALITY

REGULAR
CITIZENS
GREW THEIR
OWN FOOD,
SACRIFICED
PLEASURE,
& DONATED
THEIR SCRAPES

Will you have a part
in
Victory?



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"Every Garden a Munition Plant"

Charles Lathrop Pack, President
THIS POSTER, USED IN 1918, AND WITH DIFFERENT SLOGANS IN 1919, WAS POPULAR WHEREVER IT APPEARED AND DID MUCH TO
EXTEND THE WAR GARDEN MOVEMENT

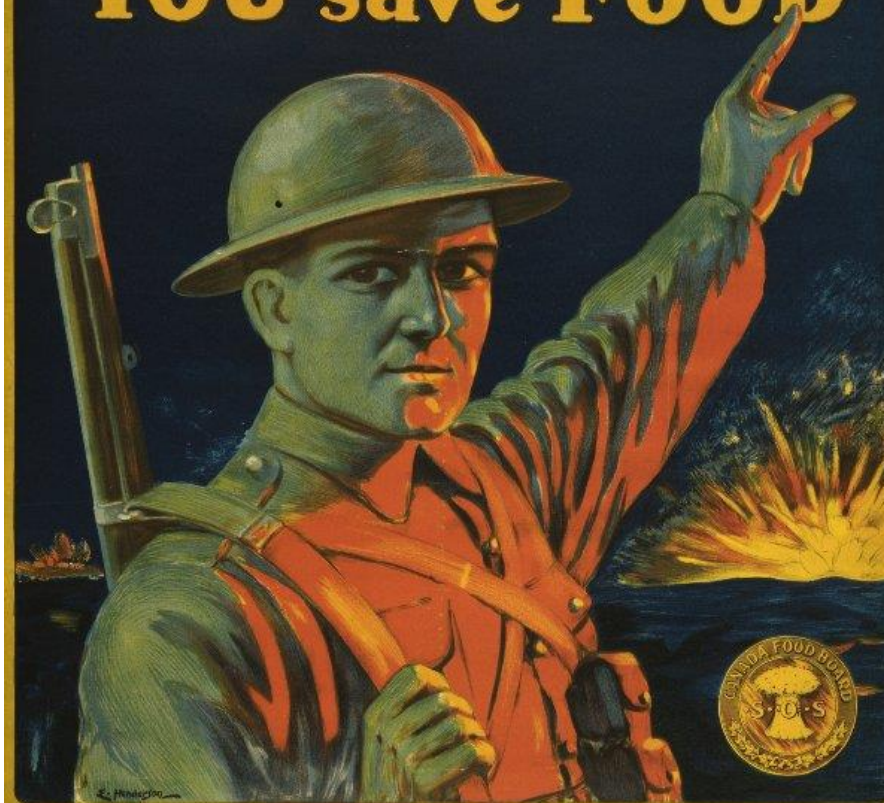
food

- 1- buy it with thought
- 2- cook it with care
- 3- use less wheat & meat
- 4- buy local foods
- 5- serve just enough
- 6- use what is left

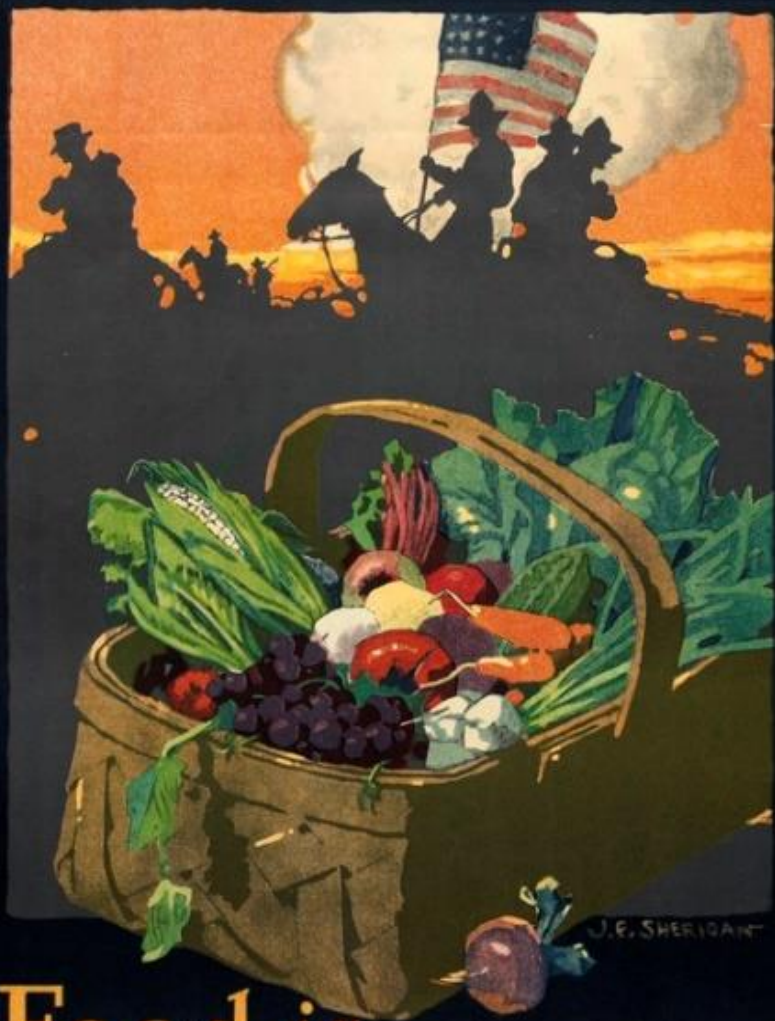
don't waste it

U. S. FOOD ADMINISTRATION

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YOU save FOOD"



Well fed Soldiers
WILL WIN the **WAR**



Food is
Ammunition-
Don't waste it.

UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION



Little AMERICANS *Do your bit*

Eat Oatmeal-Corn meal mush-
 Hominy - other corn cereals -
 and Rice with milk.

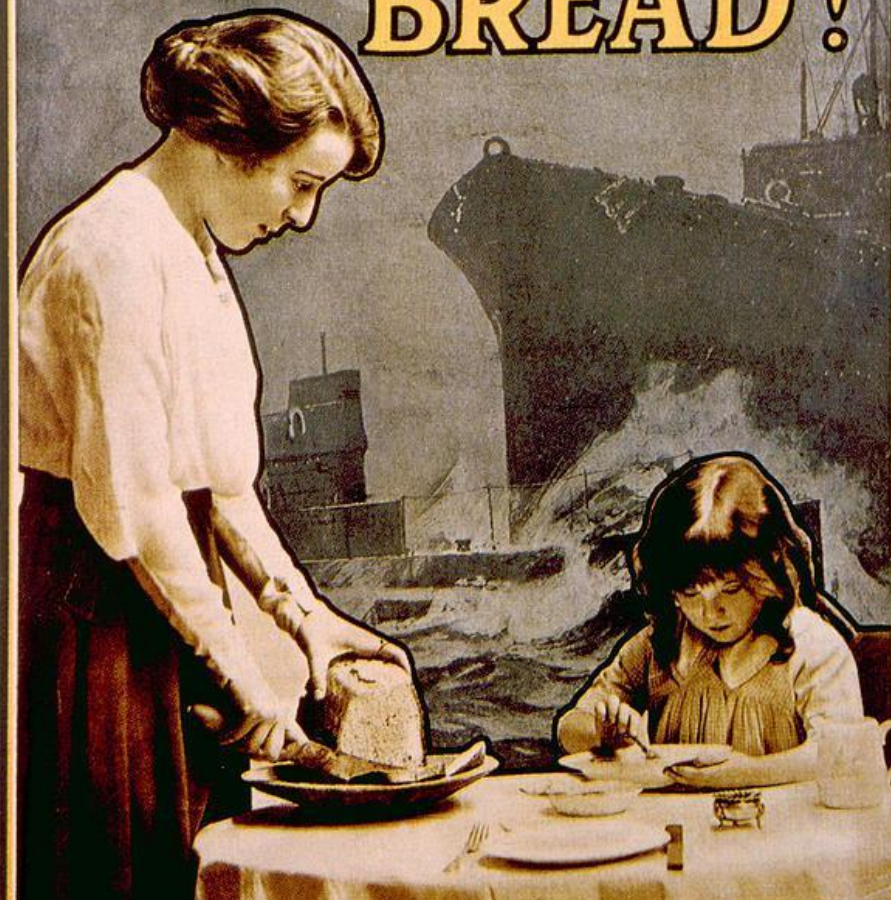
Save the wheat for our soldiers.

Leave nothing on your plate



UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION

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THE GREAT MIGRATION

C. 300,000-500,000 MOVED

1940 Less than 4% of the population outside the South is African American.

1941-1945 Military manufacturing spurs migration to the West and North during World War II.

1970 The Great Migration ends as civil rights and job opportunities improve in the South.

Alaska and Hawaii have no large gain or loss.

1940-1970

THE GREAT MIGRATION

Movement of African Americans

- ➔ Main flow of migration
- 🏙 Major migration destination

States with Major Gains

- More than 1,000,000
- 300,000-1,000,000
- 60,000-300,000

States with Major Losses

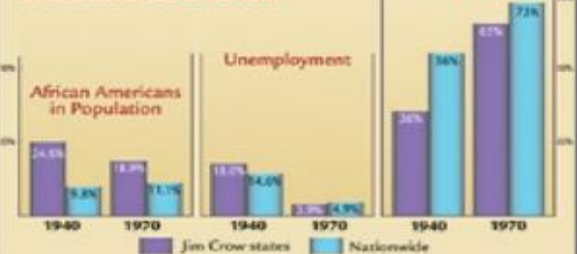
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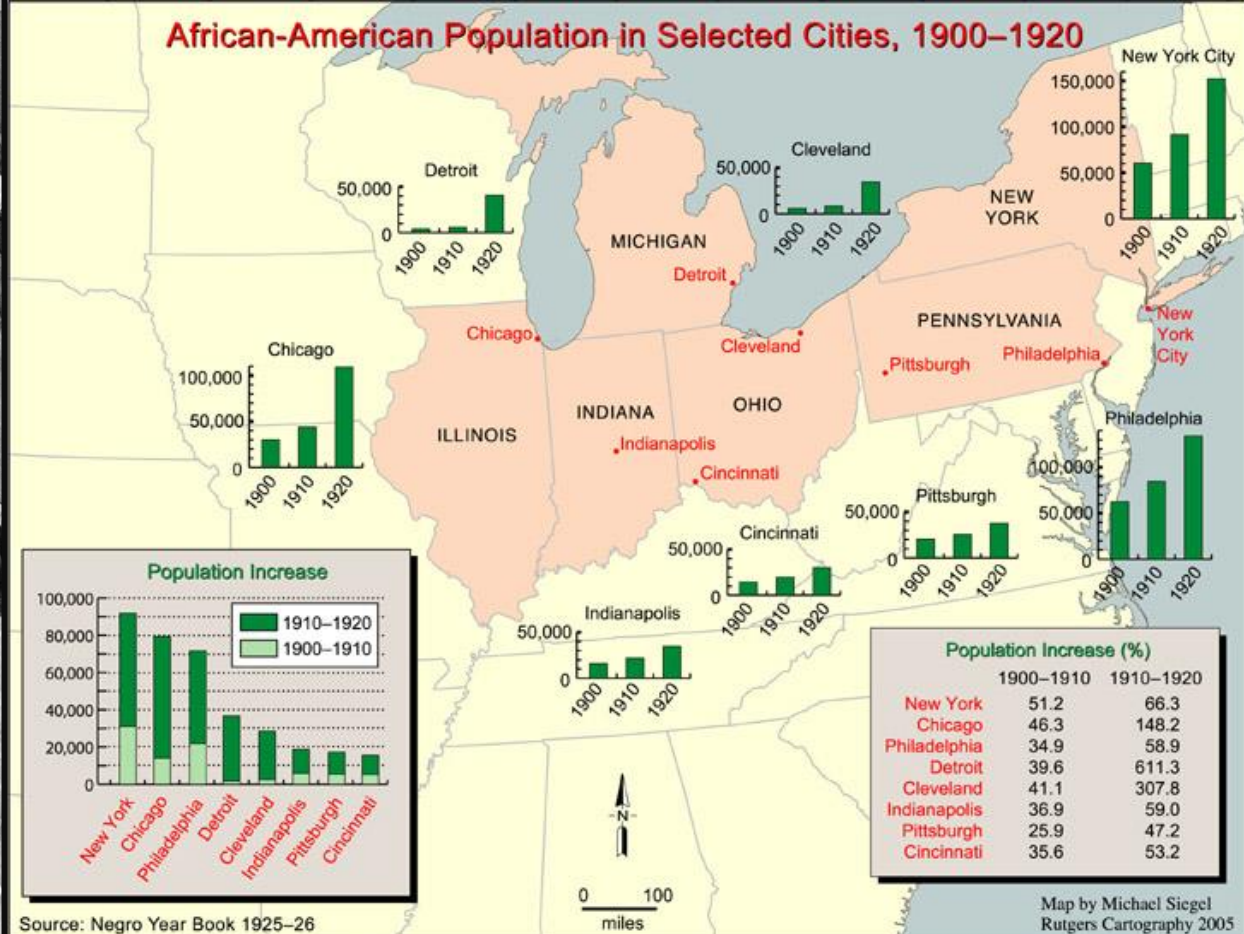
No major change

Map shows boundaries of 1970.

JIM CROW LAWS 1940
Racial Segregation Laws
State and local
Local only

A CHANGING NATION







CHICAGO RACE RIOT

JULY – AUG. 1919



c. 1,000-2,000
HOMELESS
c. 30-50
KILLED

Major race riots and lynchings of the Red Summer

April to November, 1919



Cameron McWhirter. *Red Summer: The Summer of 1919 and the Awakening of Black America*, 2011.

A black and white photograph of a large crowd of people, likely at a protest or rally. The crowd is dense, with many people wearing hats and coats. In the foreground, a banner is partially visible with the words "THE FRONT" written on it. The overall scene suggests a significant public gathering.

DISSENTION & ACTIVISM

I PLEDGE
ALLEGIANCE



and

SILENCE
ABOUT THE WAR

WPA WAR SERVICES of LA.

"CENSORED"



LET'S **CENSOR**
OUR CONVERSATION
About the WAR

WPA WAR SERVICES of LA.

DON'T TALK

A detailed pencil sketch of a man's face, looking slightly down and to the left. From the back of his head, several long, thin, spider-like legs extend outwards, some reaching towards the top corners of the frame. The background is a light, textured grey.

THE WEB
IS SPUN
FOR YOU
WITH
INVISIBLE
THREADS

KEEP OUT OF IT
HELP TO DESTROY IT

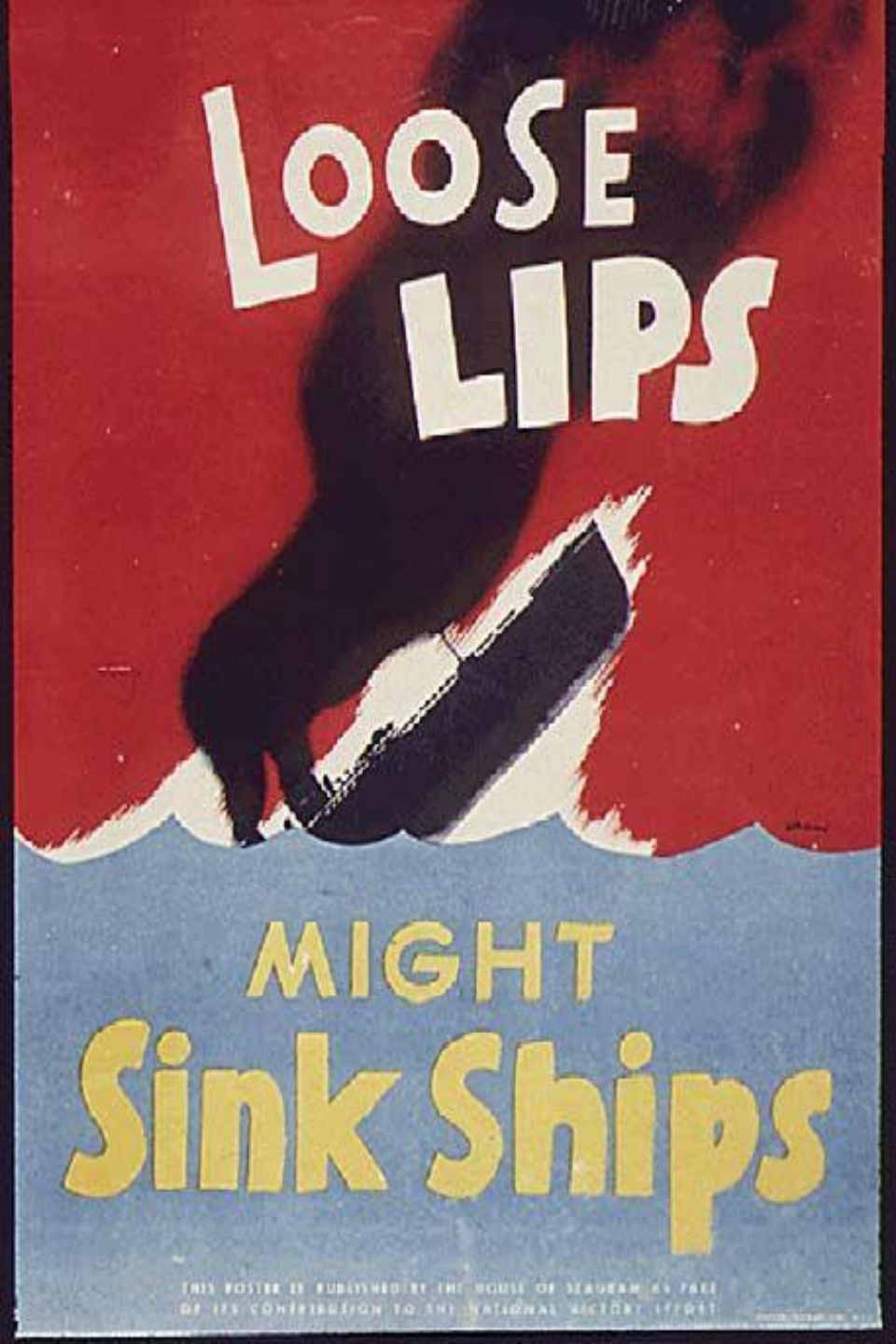
STOP = THINK

ASK YOURSELF IF WHAT
YOU WERE ABOUT TO SAY
MIGHT HELP THE ENEMY

SPIES ARE LISTENING

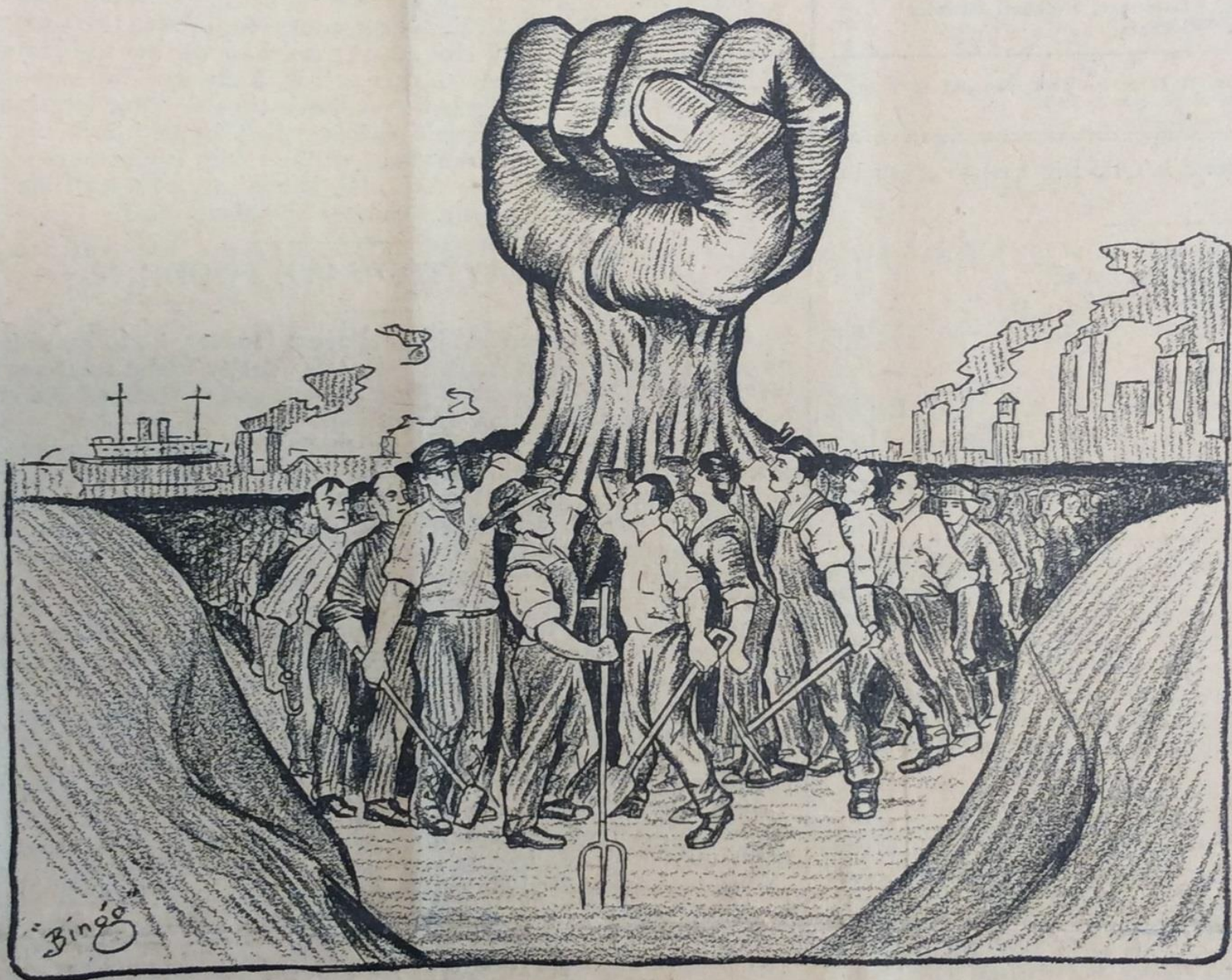
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER NORTHEASTERN DEPT. U.S. ARMY

LOOSE LIPS

A stylized illustration of a hand holding a pen, poised to write. The hand and pen are dark, contrasting sharply with the bright red background. The pen is angled downwards towards the right. The background is a solid, vibrant red, and the bottom of the poster features a blue wavy line representing water.

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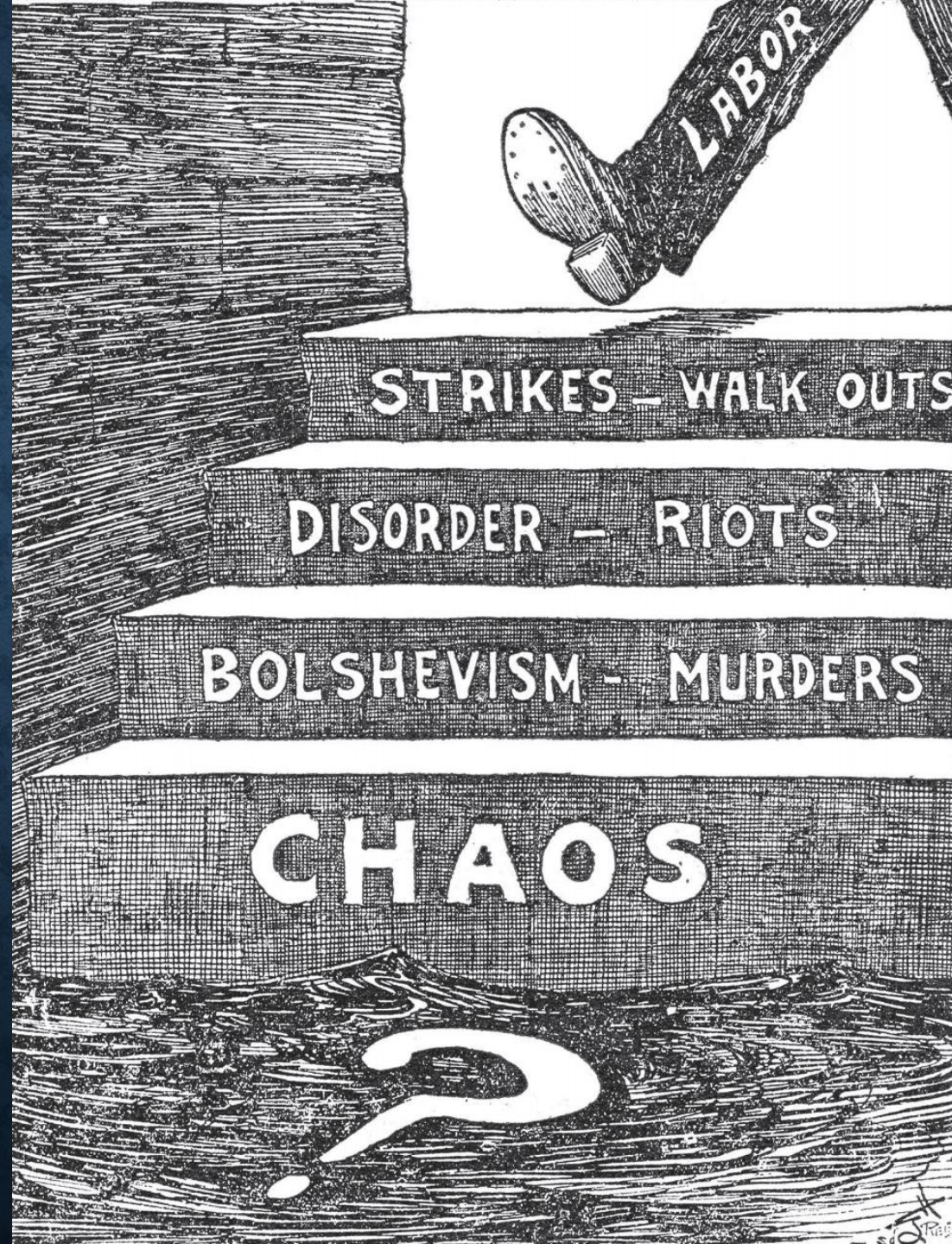
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The Hand That Will Rule the World—One Big Union.

LABOR AS A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

DRAFT DODGERS,
STRIKERS, SOCIALISTS,
COMMUNISTS, &
PARTICULAR
IMMIGRANT GROUPS
WERE SEEN AS
THREATS TO
DEMOCRACY &
CAPITALISM



Espionage (1917) & Sedition Act (1918)

(Espionage) Law which punished people for aiding the enemy or refusing military duty during World War 1

(Sedition) deemed "disloyal, profane, scurrilous, or abusive language" about the American form of government, the Constitution, the flag, or the armed forces as criminal and worthy of prosecution





MR. PRESIDENT
THERE CAN BE NO REAL
THANKSGIVING
FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS
WHO ARE IN JAIL
FOR THEIR BELIEF IN
FREE SPEECH

MR. PRESIDENT
IS THIS THE SPIRIT OF
THANKSGIVING DAY
TO KEEP 62 AMERICAN
POLITICAL PRISONERS IN
LEAVENWORTH FOR THEIR
WAR TIME OPINIONS?

MR. PRESIDENT
REMEMBER THE CONSTITUTION
"CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW—
ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH,
OR OF THE PRESS"—THE POLITICAL
PRISONERS WHO BELIEVED IN THIS
GUARANTEE, ARE NOW SERVING 20
YEARS IN PRISON

LONG LIVE THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Wake Up, America! Your Liberties Are in Danger!

The 13th Amendment, Section 1, of the Constitution of the United States says: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction."

The Constitution of the United States is one of the greatest bulwarks of political liberty. It was born after a long, stubborn battle between king-rule and democracy. (We see little or no difference between arbitrary power under the name of a king and under a few misnamed "representatives.") In this battle the people of the United States established the principle that freedom of the individual and personal liberty are the most sacred things in life. Without them we become slaves.

For this principle the fathers fought and died. The establishment of this principle they sealed with their own blood. Do you want to see this principle abolished? Do you want to see despotism substituted in its stead? Shall we prove degenerate sons of illustrious sires?

The Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, quo.—! above, embodies this sacred idea. The Socialist Party says that this idea is violated by the Conscription Act. When you conscript a man and compel him to go abroad to fight against his will, you violate the most sacred right of personal liberty, and substitute for it what Daniel Webster called "despotism in its worst form."

A conscript is little better than a convict. He is deprived of his liberty and of his right to think and act as a free man. A conscripted citizen is forced to surrender his right as a citizen and become a subject. He is forced into involuntary servitude. He is deprived of the protection given him by the Constitution of the United States. He is deprived of all freedom of conscience in being forced to kill against his will.

Are you one who is opposed to war, and were you misled by the venal capitalist newspapers, or intimidated or deceived by gang politicians and registrars into believing that you would not be allowed to register your objection to conscription? Do you know that many citizens of Philadelphia insisted on their right to answer the famous question twelve, and went on record with their honest opinion of opposition to war, notwithstanding the deceitful efforts of our rulers and the newspaper press to prevent them from doing so? Shall it be said that the citizens of Philadelphia, the cradle of American liberty, are so lost to a sense of right and justice that they will let such monstrous wrongs against humanity go unchallenged?

In a democratic country each man must have the right to say whether he is willing to join the army. Only in countries where uncontrolled power rules can a despot force his subjects to fight. Such a man or men have no place in a democratic republic. This is tyrannical power in its worst form. It gives control over the life and death of the individual to a few men. There is no man good enough to be given such power.

Conscription laws belong to a bygone age. Even the people of Germany, long suffering under the yoke of militarism, are beginning to demand the abolition of conscription. Do you think it has a place in the United States? Do you want to see unlimited power handed over to Wall Street's chosen few in America? If you do not, join the Socialist Party in its campaign for the repeal of the Conscription Act. Write to your congressman and tell him you want the law repealed. Do not submit to intimidation. You have a right to demand the repeal of any law. Exercise your rights of free speech, peaceful assemblage and petitioning the government for a redress of grievances. Come to the headquarters of the Socialist Party, 1326 Arch street, and sign a petition to congress for the repeal of the Conscription Act. Help us wipe out this stain upon the Constitution!

Help us re-establish democracy in America.

Remember, "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Down with autocracy!

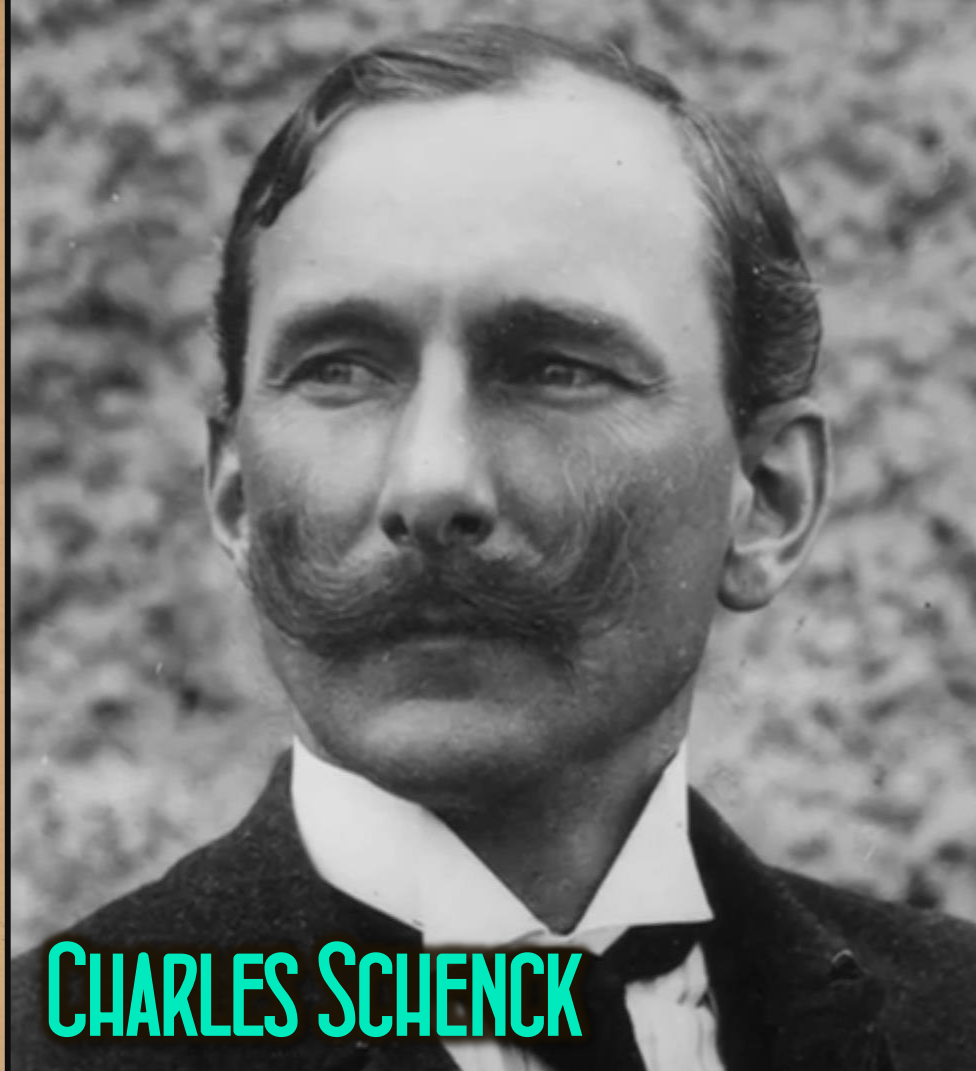
Long live the Constitution of the United States! Long live the Republic!

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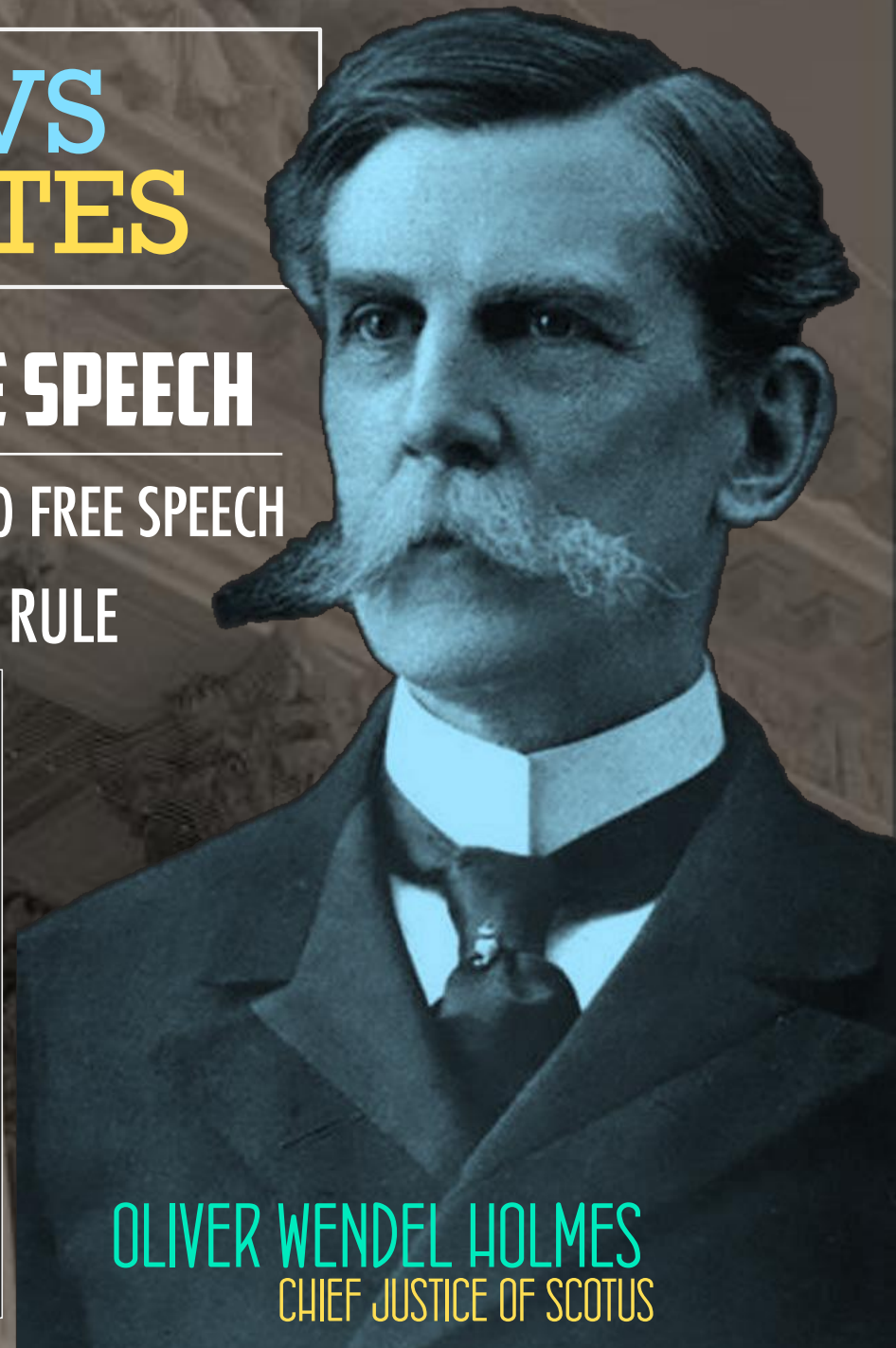
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BIG IDEA: LIMITS OF FREE SPEECH

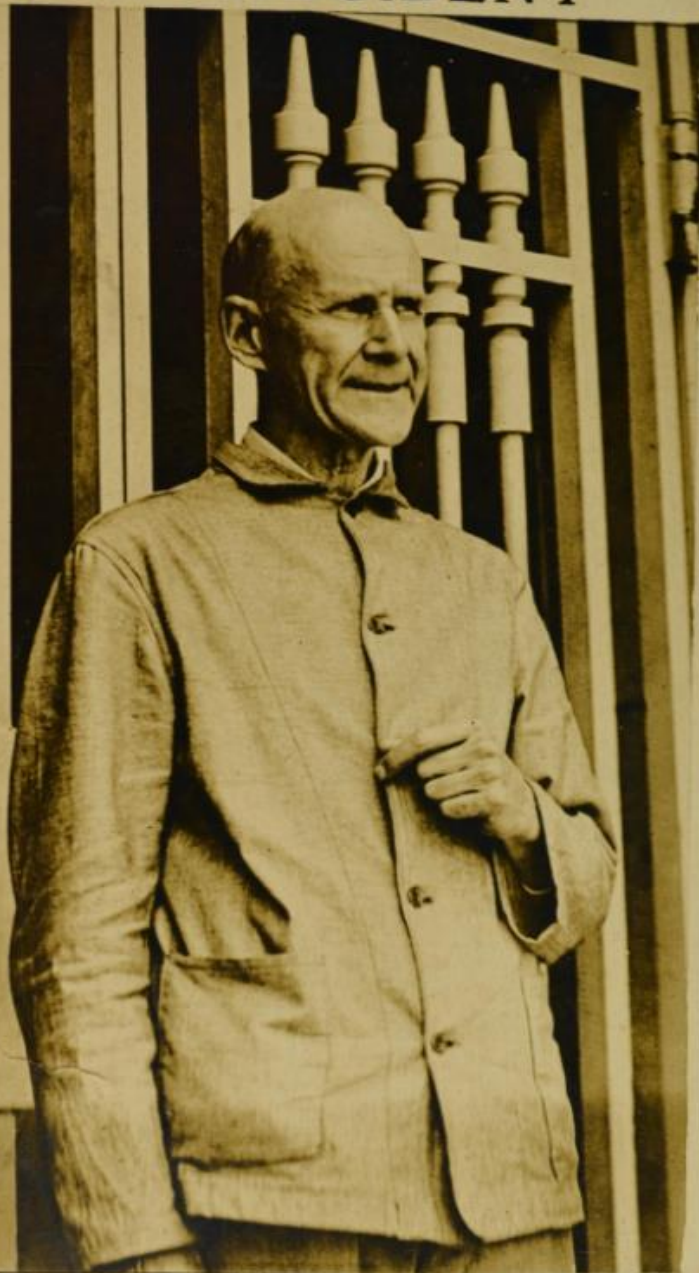
1. WARTIME CHANGES RULES RELATED TO FREE SPEECH
2. "CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER" RULE

"The most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man from falsely shouting fire in a theater causing panic.... The question in every case is whether the words used are used in such circumstances and are of such a nature as to create a clear and present danger that they will bring about the substantive evils that Congress has a right to prevent. It is a question of proximity & degree. When a nation is at war, many things that might be said in time of peace are such a hindrance to its effort that their utterance will not be endured so long as men fight, and that no Court could regard them as protected by any constitutional right."

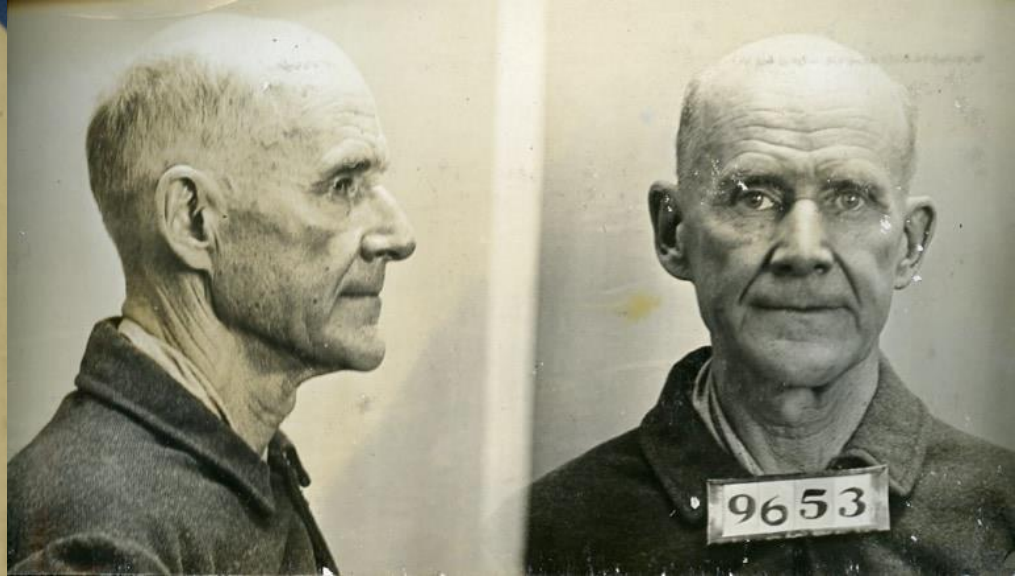
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CHIEF JUSTICE OF SCOTUS



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FOR PRESIDENT



EUGENE VICTOR DEBS



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RUNNING FOR
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**THE SECOND OFFICIAL
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AMERICA'S ANSWER



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Domestic Consequences of World War I

- accelerated America's emergence as the world's greatest industrial power
- contributed to the movement of African Americans to Northern cities
- intensified anti-immigrant and anti-radical sentiments among mainstream Americans
- brought over one million women into the work force