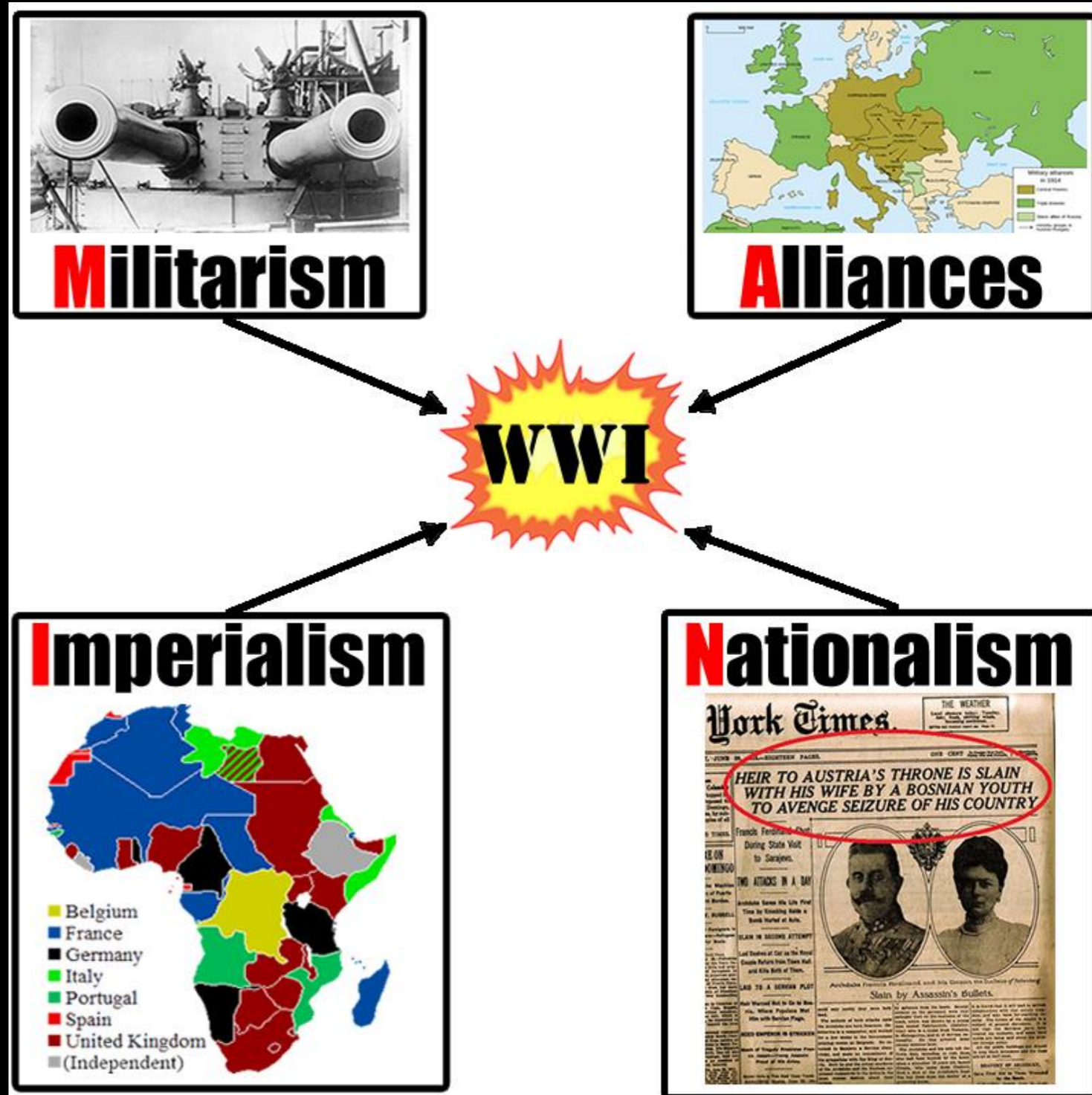


WORLD WAR I

1914-1918

MAIN CAUSES

1. **Militarism** - policy of building up strong military forces to prepare for war
2. **Alliances**- agreements between nations to aid and protect one another
3. **Imperialism**- policy by which one country takes control of another country
4. **Nationalism**- pride in or devotion to one's country



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ENGLAND

- own 70% of shipping
- “Splendid isolation” - hesitant to enter alliances
- small professional army
- parliamentary system



FRANCE

- was a Revolutionary power but declined in 19th Century
- 1870-71 defeated by German states
- Yearn for revenge against Germany
- Parliamentary system



GERMANY

- Late industrialization
- Germany expanding borders
- Germany built up their navy (upset Britain)
- Germany took France's Alsace-Lorraine 1870's
- New authoritarian leader in Germany, William II "Czar Bill" does what we wants
- Germany wanted to be the 20th Century "Hegemon!" or leading power in empire (land) and industry
- Problems with National identity
- Empire..No Democracy



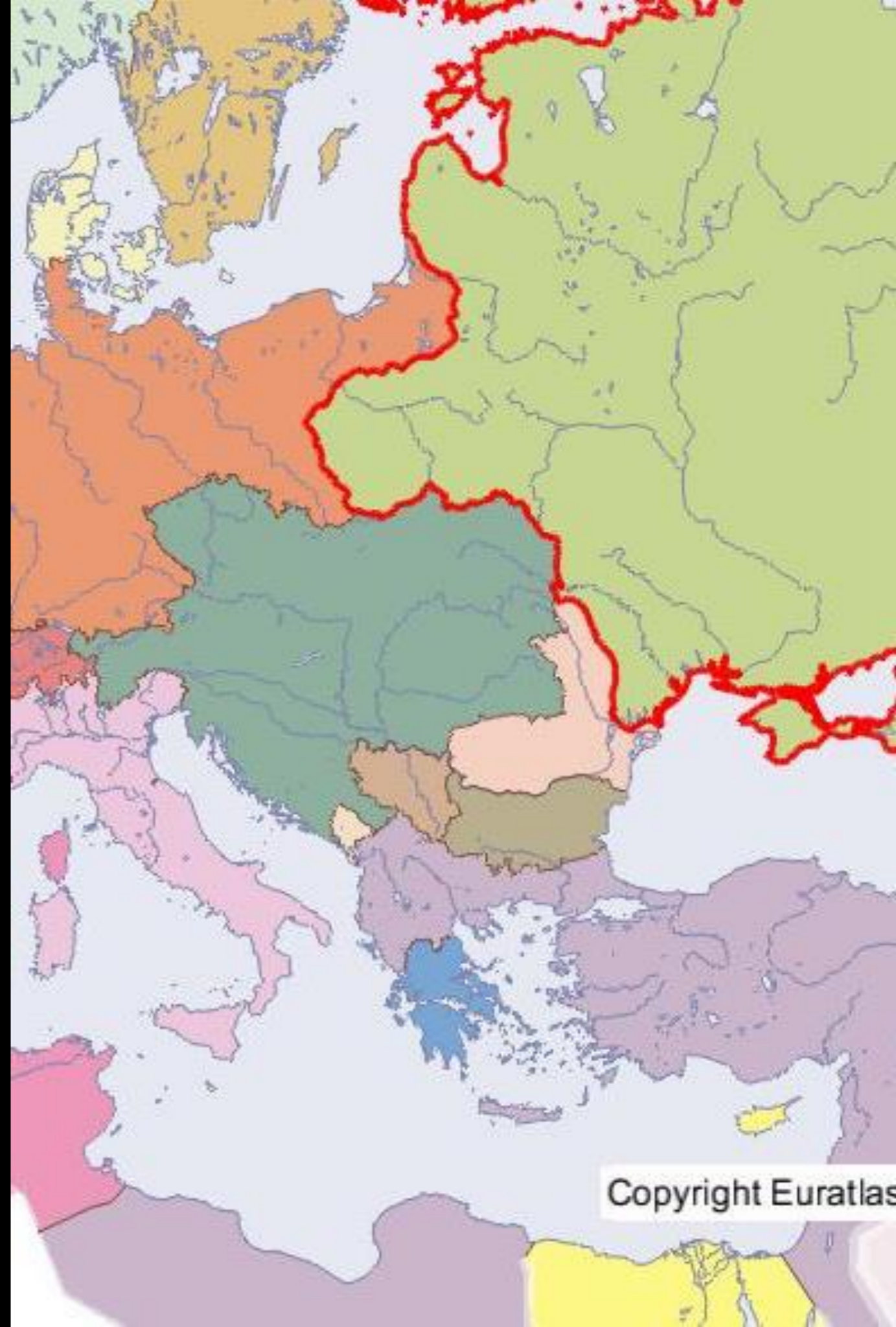
AUSTRIA- HUNGARY

- Many Nationalists- (a person wanting independence)
- Royal Family, the Hapsburgs, holds empire together



RUSSIA

- “Slumbering Giant”
- starts to industrialize but can't get going



ITALY

- Northern very industrial
- Southern stays agricultural
- Aspirations limited
- Monarchy/Parliamentary system



1ST CAUSE OF WWI

- Franco-Prussian War
 - France was defeated in 1870-1871 by German states
 - France paid 5 billion to Germany
 - Germany took Alsace-Lorraine
 - France vowed to get it back



POWER VACUUM IN THE BALKANS

- Countries in the Balkans seek revolutions and independence.
- Larger countries scramble to claim land & power
 - Austria-Hungary does not want Slavic countries to gain independence
 - Serbia wants to create a Slavic empire “Yugoslavia”
 - 1908 Austria-Hungary annexes Bosnia & Herzegovina
 - Serbia gains independence & supported by Russia



THE SPARK THAT IGNITED WAR

- June 1914: Austro-Hungarian heir to the throne, Archduke Franz Ferdinand, visited Bosnian Capital (Sarajevo)
- Serbian nationalist, Gavrilo Princip, shot Ferdinand & his wife to death



GERMAN ASSUMPTIONS

- 1. France & Russia will never get together
 - France likes revolutions & Russia hates revolutions
- 2. England & Russia can't get together
 - Russia wanted British controlled Swiss Canal
 - Russia moving toward Persia (Britain had colonies in Persia)
- 3. France & Britain can't get together
 - Colonial rivals in Africa
 - always in war or close to war
- 4. Britain can be forced into alliance with Germany
 - closely tied
 - German Emperor related to Queen Victoria



WRONG

WRONG

True!

Love/Hate

AUSTRIA'S HEIR IS DEAD

- War?
 - Austria wants war with Serbia
 - Worried about countries getting involved
 - Wanted support from Germany
 - Germany gave Austria a “black check” - in other words, gave Austria responsibility to make a decision for war

This 'blank cheque' became the main determining factor in Austro-Hungarian policy throughout July.

GERMAN REICHSBANK	
Pay To: <u>AUSTRIA HUNGARY</u>	Date: <u>06.06.1914</u>
Amount in Words: <u>UNLIMITED</u>	
Signed: <u>KAISER WILHELM II</u>	UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT

1914

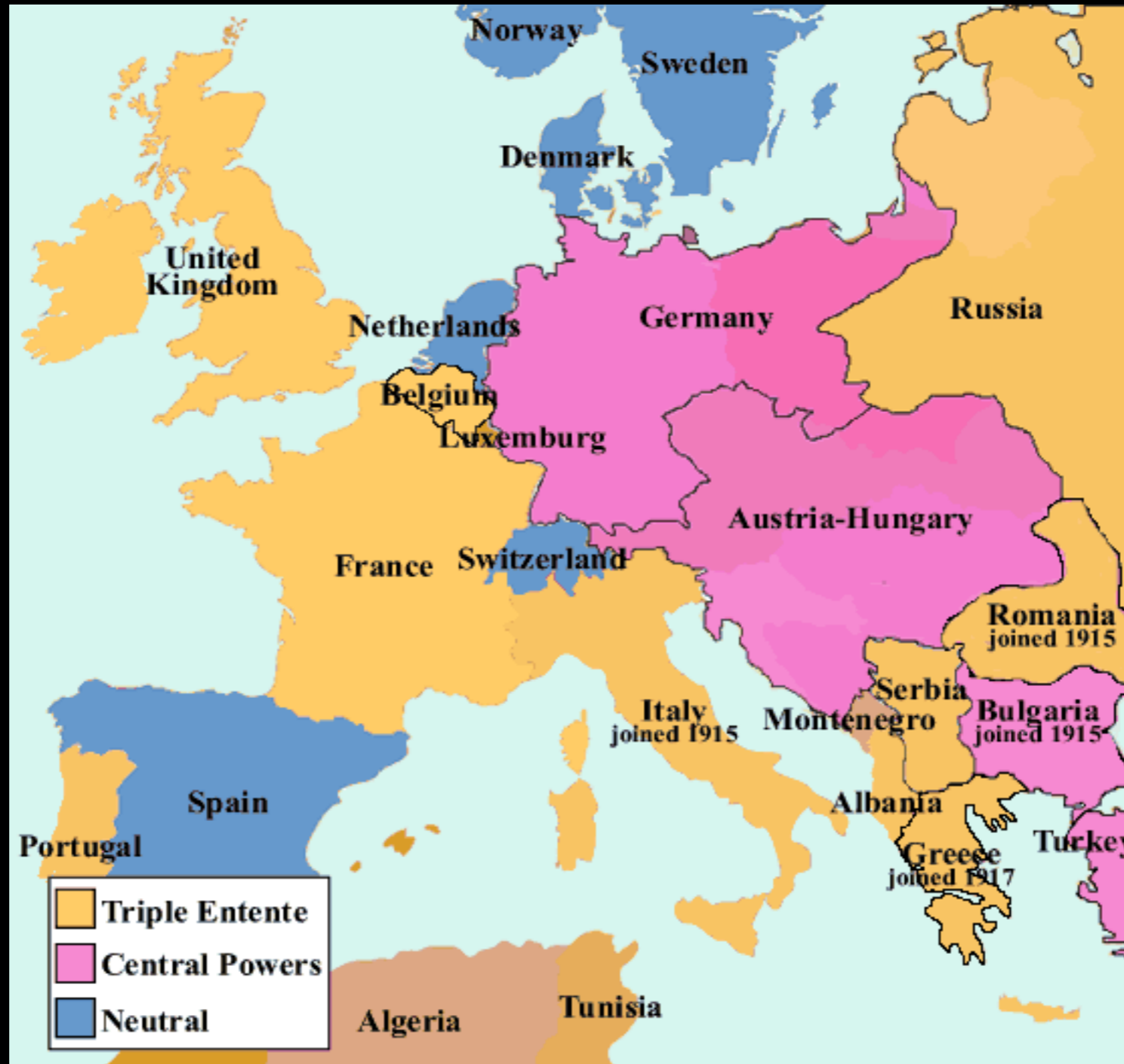
- June 28,- Assassination of Franz Ferdinand
- July 23,- Austrians give ultimatum to Serbia. (Serbia wants to investigate assassination with access to gov't documents. Serbia disagrees)
- July 28- Austria declares war on Serbia
- July 30- Russians mobilize (which shows war)
- July 31- Germans mobilize
- Aug 1- Germany declares war on Russia
- Aug 4- Schlieffen Plan- Germany tried to quickly trap French army in France to scare Britain from joining the war. Germany marched through Belgium but eventually didn't have enough strength. Britain supports Belgium and declares war on Germany (b/c Germany mobilized into Belgium)

Triple Alliance changes to “Central Powers”

Germany
Austria-Hungary
Bulgaria

Triple Entente aka “Allies”

Britain
France
Russia
Italy



TRENCH WARFARE



TRENCHES

- WWI was fought mostly in trenches
- Western Front=479 miles of trenches
- Slow war due to being defensive
 - Soldiers spent most time looking for food
- War to SURVIVE not to win
- New War Machines normally would have taken a century but pushed for advancement due to total war:





FLAME-THROWERS, BERLIN

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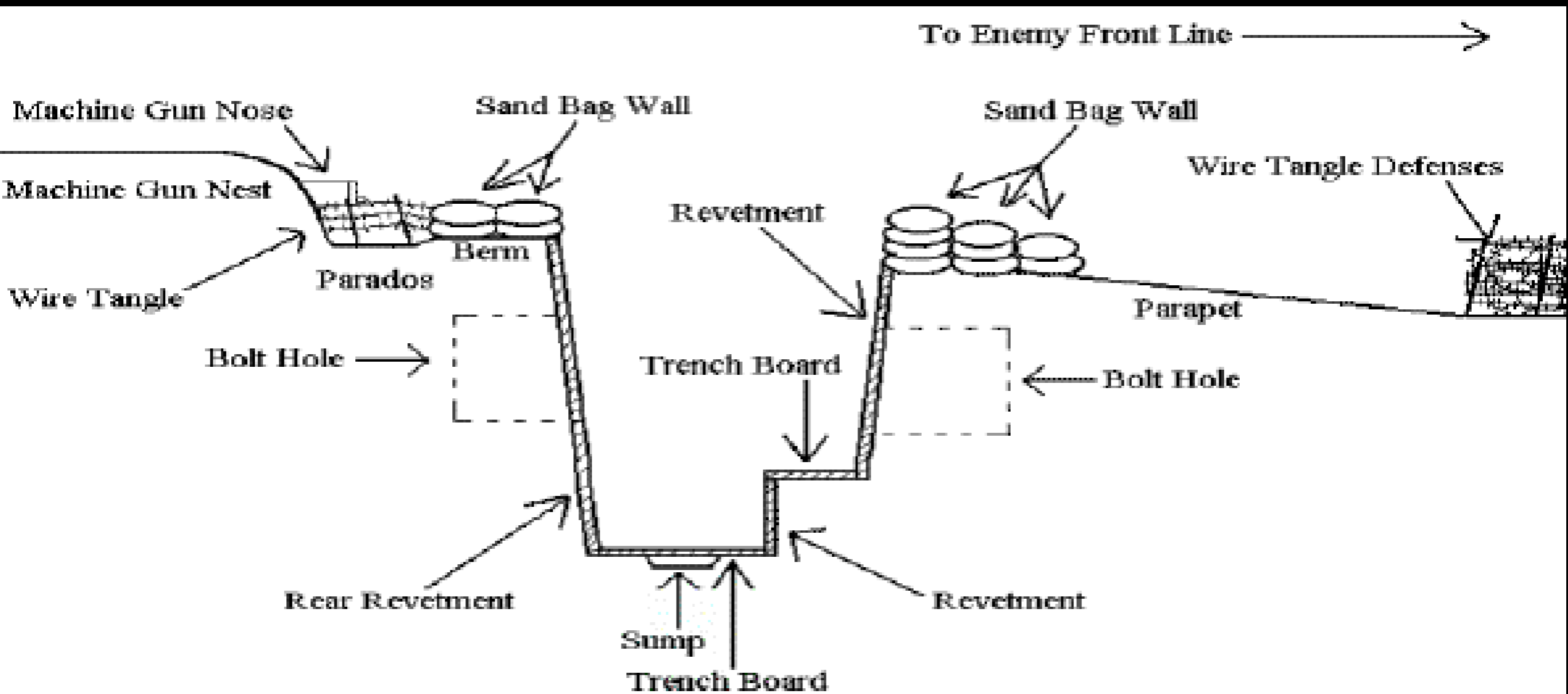


SOCIAL

- Higher casualties=upward mobility to higher ranks
- Government finances war=bigger government (which will lead to totalitarianism/dictatorship)
- Nationalism influenced society- people give to support their country
- Less class distinction
- Working Class becomes mainstream society



Tactics: digging trenches in the ground for protection. Usually surrounded by barbed wire. The area between enemy trenches was “No Man’s Land”



















The first thing a new recruit would notice on the way to the frontline was the smell; rotting bodies in shallow graves, men who hadn't washed in weeks because there were no facilities, overflowing cess pits, creosol or chloride of lime used to stave off the constant threat of disease and infection. Cordite, the lingering odor of poison gas, rotting sandbags, stagnant mud, cigarette smoke and cooking food. Although overwhelming to a new recruit, they soon got used to the smell and eventually became part of the smell with their own body,



Rats & Lice

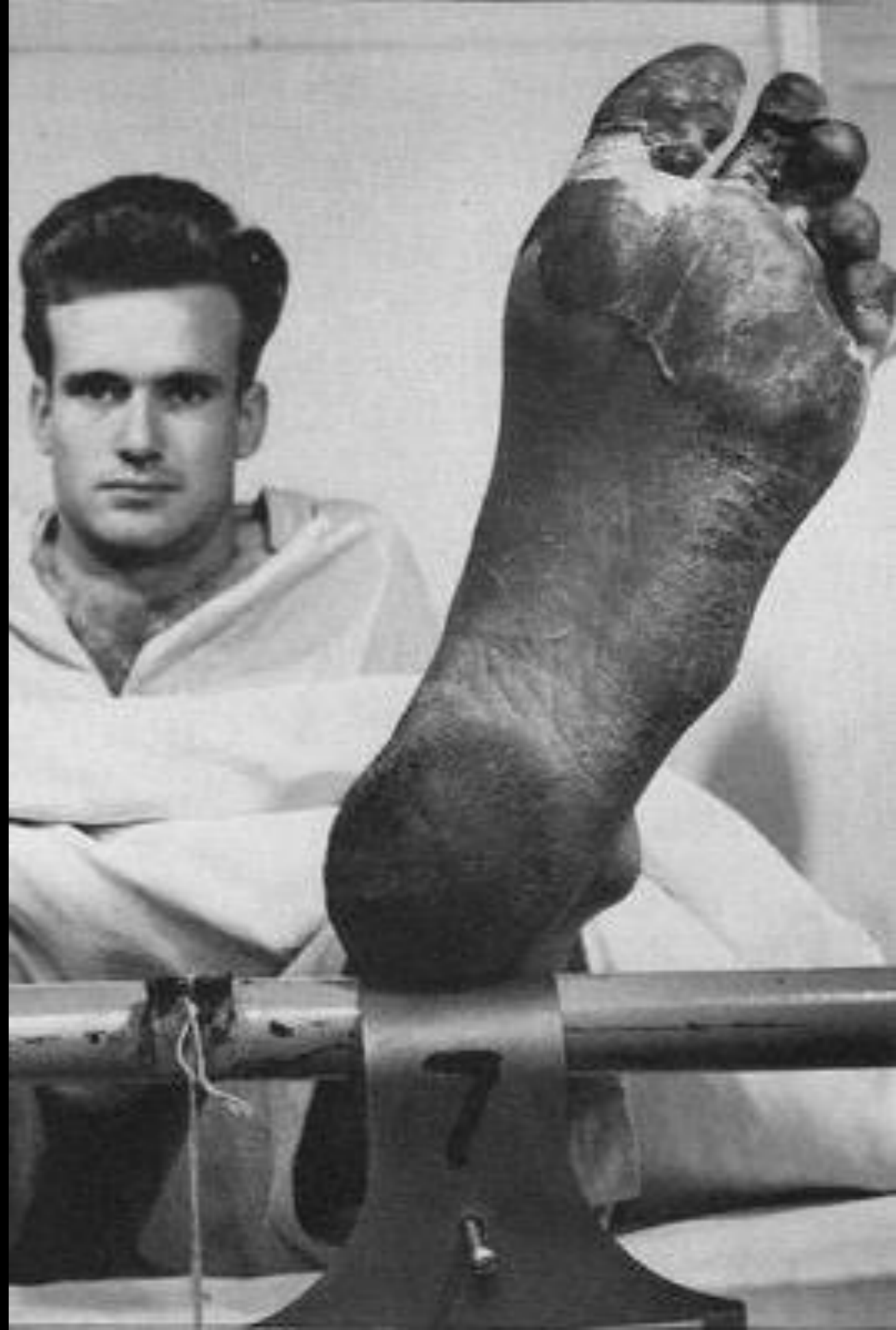
Rats were a constant companion in the trenches in their millions they were everywhere, gorging themselves on human remains (grotesquely disfiguring them by eating their eyes and liver) they could grow to the size of a cat.

Lice were a constant problem for the men breeding in dirty clothing they were impossible to get rid of even when clothes were washed and deloused there would be eggs that would escape the treatment in the seams of the clothes. Lice caused Trench Fever, a particularly painful disease that began suddenly with severe pain followed by high fever. Recovery- away from the trenches- took up to 12 weeks. It was not discovered that lice was the cause of trench fever until 1918



TRENCH FOOT

- The cold, wet and unsanitary conditions were also to cause “Trench Foot” amongst the soldiers, a fungal infection, which could turn gangrenous and result in amputation. Trench Foot was more of a problem at the start of trench warfare; as conditions improved in 1915, it rapidly faded, although a trickle of cases continued throughout the war
- Lack of medical attention



BATTLE OF VERDUN FEB-DEC 1916

- Verdun- a medieval French city
- Germany wanted to pick a city France wouldn't give up & hoped France would pull out of the war due to bloodshed
- One of longest battles with most soldiers on small plot of land (less than 6 square miles)
- Total casualties are close to 1.25 million
- Skeletons still surface today adding to the total



PASSCHENDAELE 1917

- Due to thick mud, soldiers could not run and were exposed to gunfire
- 35,000 Allied troops disappeared either from blown up or drowned in the mud
- British lost 275,000 & Germans lost 220,000
- One of the most costly single battle



UNITED STATES ENTERS THE WAR

SIXTH YEAR

COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 6, 1917.

NUMBER 134

U.S. OFFICIALLY AT WAR

WILSON TELLS PLANS FOR RAISING ARMIES

Approves of Conscription of 500,000 Men in Addition to Regulars.

AGE LIMIT IS 19 TO 35

Drafting to Be Practiced in National Guard if Volunteering Falls.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—After presiding a hour of war the President this afternoon issued the following statement regarding the means to be used in increasing the new military force called for by heads of the war department last night.

"The principle included in the plan which the military committee of the house and those here adopted have no objection."

It is proposed to open the orders by the necessary work for increasing the regular army and national guard up to their full war strength and within

THE WEATHER		
For Columbia and vicinity, by the Columbia University, Missouri, for the week ending April 6, 1917.		
Temperature during the week.		
Max. Min. Average.		
4-11	37-44	40.5
4-12	37-44	40.5
4-13	37-44	40.5
4-14	37-44	40.5
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4-29	37-44	40.5
4-30	37-44	40.5
4-31	37-44	40.5

GUARDS TO MOBILIZE AT NEVADA IN WEEK

Inspector of Company F Says Fourth Missouri Infantry Will Be Called.

75 RECRUITS NEEDED

Local Unit Will Probably Take Members From Other Cities.

The mobilization of the Fourth Missouri Infantry of which Company F is a unit, will take place at Nevada about the first of next week. The news was brought to Columbia by Lieutenant Colonel Burkhardt of the Eleventh Infantry of the U. S. Army who inspected the local company at the armory last night.

Captain Wager said this morning he believed that the inspection was satisfactory to the federal inspector last night, although the company was broken up between many of the details have not returned to Columbia

DRAFTING OF ARMY TO AFFECT STUDENTS

Large Per Cent Come Within Age Limits—Many Have Had Experience.

MUST BE EXAMINED

Recruits Will Be Given Rigid Test and Army Standards Maintained.

"The selective conscription military service measure now being considered by Congress will have a wide effect on the students of the university in the University of Missouri," said Captain E. C. King, instructor in military science in the University, this morning. "Most of the students are within the age limits specified in the bill and many of them have had military experience. There are the usual conscription and army standards maintained."

Captain King said that there is a military service about that every male between the ages of 18 and 35 years

WILSON SIGNS RESOLUTION AT 1:13 O'CLOCK TODAY

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WASHINGTON, April 6.—War was declared at 1:13 this afternoon. At exactly that time President Wilson signed the joint resolution passed by the House and Senate de-

U.S. SAILING FOR WAR

- U.S. wanted to stay neutral
- British Blockade- Britain's navy tried to block supply ships to Germany & Austria
- Germany could not counter blockade but did have submarines!
- British can still trade with other countries but Churchill orders merchant ships to be armed
- Germany tried to avoid U.S. merchant ships



SINKING OF THE LUSITANIA

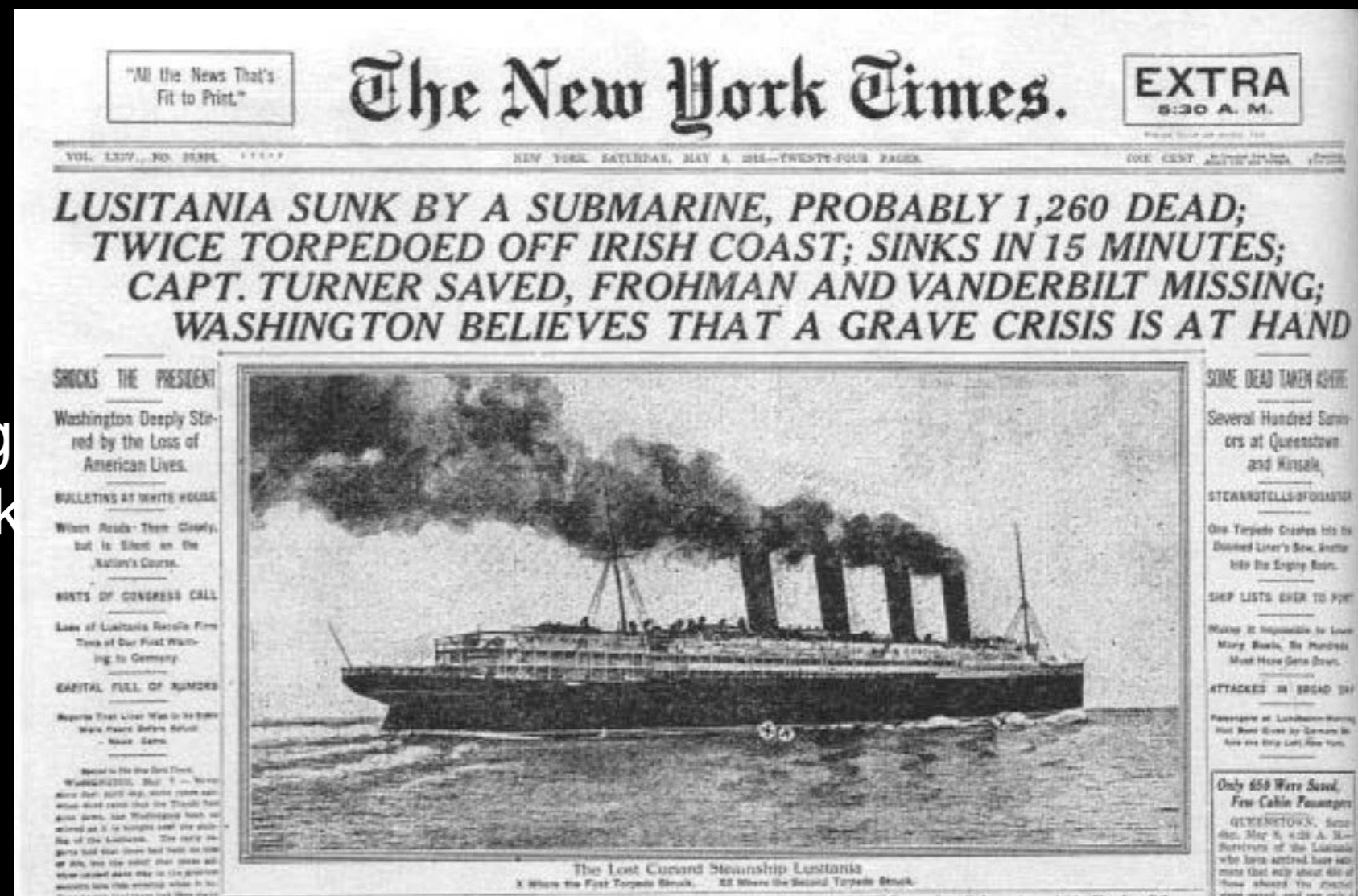
1915- A ship called the Lusitania carrying cargo for Britain was off the coast of Ireland when it was torpedoed by a Germany U-boat

It sank in 20 mins killing approx. 1,200 people, including 128 Americans

Later, it was discovered the boat was carrying war ammunition for Britain.

Germany eventually apologized for the attack

Another Italian boat carrying 25 Americans was also sunk by a German boat



ZIMMERMAN TELEGRAM

MARCH 1, 1917

Zimmerman Telegram-
intercepted
communication from
Germany proposing an
alliance with Mexico in
case of war with U.S.

President Woodrow
Wilson proposed arming
ships to Congress the
next day

CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED									
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Night Letter	<input type="checkbox"/>								

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

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM
NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

CHARGE
8307

Receiving No. 215
Check 5300
Time Filed

via Galveston

JAN 19 1917

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

GERMAN LEGATION
MEXICO CITY

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INSPECTED

Charge German Embassy.

1917

U.S. is involved in WWI for 200 days

49,000 killed of wounds

57,000 died of disease

100,000 total

