**Section XI: World War I**

**Day 4: Out Goes Russia, In Comes the U.S.**

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**Key Vocabulary Terms:**

Brest-Litovsk:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Zimmerman Telegeram:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

War and the Colonies

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People in the colonies had mixed feelings about serving. Some were reluctant to serve the imperial powers. Others colonial troops volunteered eagerly. They expected that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Collapsing Morale

By 1917, the morale of both troops and civilians had plunged. Germany was sending 15-year-old recruits to the front. Britain was on the brink of bankruptcy. Long casualty lists, food shortages, and the failure of generals to win promised victories \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

As morale collapsed, troops mutinied in some French units. In Italy, many soldiers deserted during the retreat at Caporetto. In Russia, soldiers left the front \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Three years of war had hit Russia especially hard. Stories of incompetent generals and corruption destroyed public confidence. In March 1917, bread riots in St. Petersburg mushroomed into a revolution \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Later that year, When \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_came to power, he promised to pull Russian troops out of the war. Early in 1918, Lenin signed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The treaty ended Russian participation in World War I.

Russia’s withdrawal had an immediate impact on the war. With Russia out of the struggle, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Soon after the Russian Revolution began, however, another event altered the balance of forces. \_\_\_\_\_\_

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The U.S. Goes to War

U.S. and German relations had steadily deteriorated since the beginning of the war. One major reason involved \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Many of these ships were transporting supplies to the Allies. But President Woodrow Wilson insisted that Americans, as citizens of a neutral country, had a right to safe travel on the seas.

The most famous U-boat attack occurred in May 1915. A German submarine torpedoed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In early 1917, the British intercepted a message from the German foreign minister, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Zimmerman promised that, in return for Mexican support, Germany would help Mexico “to re-conquer the lost territory in New Mexico, Texas, and Arizona.” Britain revealed the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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In April 1917, Wilson asked Congress to declare war on Germany. He painted the conflict idealistically as a war \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

First, the United States needed months to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Although relatively few American troops got into combat, they proved to be good fighters. Their arrival gave Allied troops \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Just as important to the debt-ridden Allies was the financial aid provided by the United States.

Though he had failed to maintain American neutrality, Wilson still hoped to be a peacemaker. In January 1918, he issued the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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He called for freedom of the seas, free trade, large-scale reductions of arms (weapons), and an end to secret treaties. For Eastern Europe, Wilson favored \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the right of people to choose their own government. Finally, he urged the creation of a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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