



BUFFALO AND THE GREAT WAR

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The Great War

- 1914-1918
- America entered the war in 1917
- European continent
- “Isms”



WWI Alliances

ALLIED POWERS (TRIPLE ENTENTE)

- Russia
- France
- United Kingdom (England)
- Japan
- United States
- Italy (1915-1918)

CENTRAL POWERS

- Germany
- Austria-Hungary (Empire)
- Ottoman Empire
- Italy (1914-1915)



America enters the War



- Woodrow Wilson, 1913-1921
- Lusitania
- Allied Powers
- Social and Economic mobilization

Buffalo & Collective Identity

- Collective Identity = shared identity, feeling of group belonging
- Before the war, Buffalonians were ethnically divided
- Patriotism and anti-German sentiment = unifying

Theatre and Music  **Transformation of collective identity**

Early 20th Century Buffalo



Buffalo and Canada



Immigrants in Buffalo

- 33% of Buffalo's population comprised of immigrants
- Most immigrants were German/Austrian, Polish or Italian
- Cultural and social organizations
- “Americanization”

Camp Kościuszko





COMPERATE LA CARTELLA DEI FRANCOBOLLI DI UN DOLLARO

Comperatene quante ne potete! Piu' ne comperate e piu' opportunita' avete di vincere i Premii di \$2.000

Aiutate la Patria nelle spese di Guerra.

E' vostro dovere Patriottico Siamo debitori al nostro Governo di dare tutto cio' che possediamo



Ognuno di noi fa ed e' grande macchina della Guerra e se non facciamo la nostra parte possiamo essere costretti di fare piu' della nostra parte in apresso.

Anti-German Sentiment



Buffalo Theatres

- Teck Theatre
- Majestic Theatre
- Star Theatre
- Shea's Theatre (& Shea's Hippodrome)







Music Halls: “Service through Singing”



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Liberty Loan Campaigns



Liberty Loans come to Theatres

TECK THEATRE MAGAZINE

WANTED 1000 MEN



I'M READY
ARE YOU?

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YOU ARE
NEEDED
IN

THE 65th REGIMENT


Apply **65th ARMORY** Any Monday, Tuesday or
Wednesday Evening
OR
65th RECRUITING HEADQUARTERS 927 WHITE
BUILDING
Any Day, 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.

SHUBERT-TECK THEATRE MAGAZINE

WAR EXPOSITION

PRESENTED BY THE
UNITED STATES AND
ALLIED GOVERNMENTS

IN
BUFFALO
JANUARY
4 TO 12



HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN

Broadway Auditorium
AND
Elmwood Music Hall

Tickets 50c. One ticket good for ad-
mission at both Exhibitions

**Bring sunshine
to this boy**

He's a
Buffalo
Boy—
Keep him
Smiling

Give!

**NOVEMBER 11-18
UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN**



BUFFALO'S SHARE



of the staple foods that America must
send suffering Humanity by July 1, 1919,
is about 85,000 tons - enough to
fill 2000 freight cars.
DO YOUR SHARE OF SAVING



Women and the War

- 1914-1918, female employment increased from 23% in 1914 to almost 50%
- Buffalo Red Cross
- Liberty Loan Campaigns
- Suffragist Campaigns



“...despite the worldwide outrage at the sinking of Lusitania, war was not the only pressing issue of the day...Buffalo was ‘ahead of the curve’ in New York’s quest for women’s suffrage...”

- Jacek Wysocki, “Buffalo and the Great War, Part II: Keeping Out of War *Western New York Heritage*, July 2015, Vol. 19, No. 2

Impacts of the War



- 19 million soldiers and civilians killed
- Nearly 1,000 Buffalonians died in the war
- Russians and Germans most fatalities
- European buildings and cities destroyed

Results of the War

- Treaty of Versailles (signed at Paris Peace Conference), 1919
- Germany penalized for instigating the war
- Geneva Convention 1925
- League of Nations Created, 1920

Commemorating WWI

- Buffalo Public Library
- Veterans' Luncheons
- War books and volumes
- Statues and memorials



THE WEATHER

Fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday. Moderate variable winds, becoming southerly Tuesday, and increasing

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“EVERYTHING FOR WHICH U. S. FOUGHT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED” --- WILSON

ARMISTICE SIGNED, WAR ENDS; KAISER FLEES TO HOLLAND

Germany Accepts All Terms of U. S. and Allies as Beaten Armies Are in Flight and Revolt Sweeps Empire.

FOCH HALTS FIGHTING

LONDON, Nov. 11, 11:10 A. M.—Marshal Foch issued the following order to all allied commanders today: “Hostilities will cease Nov. 11, at 11 A. M., at the whole front French line. “The allied troops will not, until further orders, go beyond the line reached at that hour.”

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—President Wilson issued a formal proclamation at 10 o'clock this morning announcing that the armistice with Germany had been signed. The proclamation follows: “My Fellow Countrymen—The armistice was signed this morning. Everything for which America fought has been accomplished. It will now be our fortunate duty to accept by example the order of peace and to be ma-

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 11.—President Wilson will read the terms of the armistice with Germany before a joint session of congress today.

LONDON, Nov. 11, 10:21 A. M.—It is officially announced that the armistice between the allies and Germany has been signed. The announcement was made by Premier Lloyd George, who said: “The armistice was signed at 5 o'clock this morning and hostilities are to cease on all fronts at 11 o'clock today.”

LONDON, Nov. 11, 10:14 A. M.—The period given for the evacuation of the left bank of the Rhine by the German forces has been extended by 24 hours, according to a French wireless dispatch received here.

PARIS, Nov. 11, 8:11 A. M.—An announcement is made that the German delegates signed the armistice terms at 5 o'clock (French time) Monday morning. Hostilities will end at 11 o'clock this morning.

The official announcement from Washington early today said that the armistice terms were signed at 5 o'clock, French time. The London announcement fixed the same hour of signing.

LONDON, Nov. 11, 8:45 A. M.—News of the signing of the armistice came because signals in those portions in the center of the city in which were immediately flown to the breeze, and the issuance of evening newspapers, for which there was a great rush at 11 o'clock. The first official celebration came when the old air raid signals were fired from all police and fire stations.

GERMAN KINGDOMS CRUMBLE

The Greatest News in the History of the World



26,000,000 CASUALTIES ESTIMATED TOTAL OF ALL COUNTRIES IN WAR

Table listing estimated casualties for various countries: Germany (10,000,000), Austria (8,000,000), France (6,000,000), Britain (4,000,000), Turkey (2,000,000), Belgium (1,000,000), and Bulgaria (1,000,000).

Revolution Spreads Like Wild-fire Throughout German Empire — Soldiers on Way to Front Are Disarmed in Hanover.

SOCIALISTS ARE MASTERS, KINGS SHORN OF POWER

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REVOLT RUNS THROUGH INDUSTRIAL REGION

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 11.—(By the Associated Press).—The revolution in Germany is today, to all intents and purposes, an accomplished fact. The revolt has not yet spread throughout the whole empire, but 15 of the 26 states, including all the four kingdoms and all other important

LONDON, Nov. 11, 7:30 A. M.—The British Press was extraordinarily informed today that since the beginning of the war the jettison submarine operating off Heligoland, in the Baltic sea and in the sea of Marmora have destroyed two German battleships, two armored cruisers, two light cruisers, seven destroyers, two submarines, one auxiliary, and five other submarines.

Methodological Limitations