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

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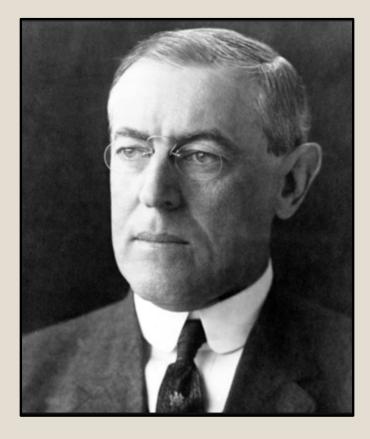
CENTRAL POWERS

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

- 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

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

Dig Down

for the boy

Digging in

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)







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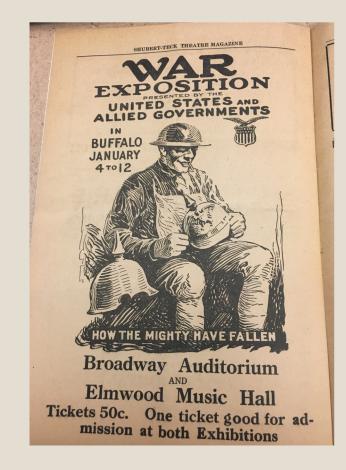


Liberty Loan Campaigns



Liberty Loans come to Theatres











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

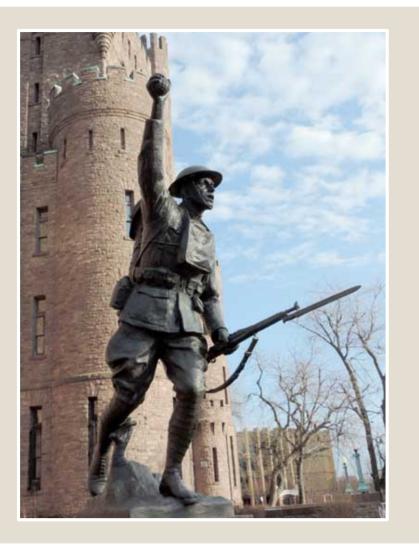
Commemorating WWI

• Buffalo Public Library

Veterans' Luncheons

War books and volumes

• Statues and memorials





WASHINGTON, Nov. 11 .- President Wilson issued a

formal proclamation at 10 o'clock this morning announce Ing 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 are first for any pellow and pelloe and first accomplished. It will now be our fortunate duty to are first for any pellow and pelloe and first the second of the se

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