

The Making of the Modern World 15

Lecture #3: The Resolution of the
War and the Peace Settlement

Total War: The Home Front

- Implications of modern industrial war: concept of a “home front”
- Government takes command of economies
 - Propaganda
 - repression
- Women in the workforce
 - Voting rights
- Bombing of civilian areas by Zeppelins

Zeppelin Raids



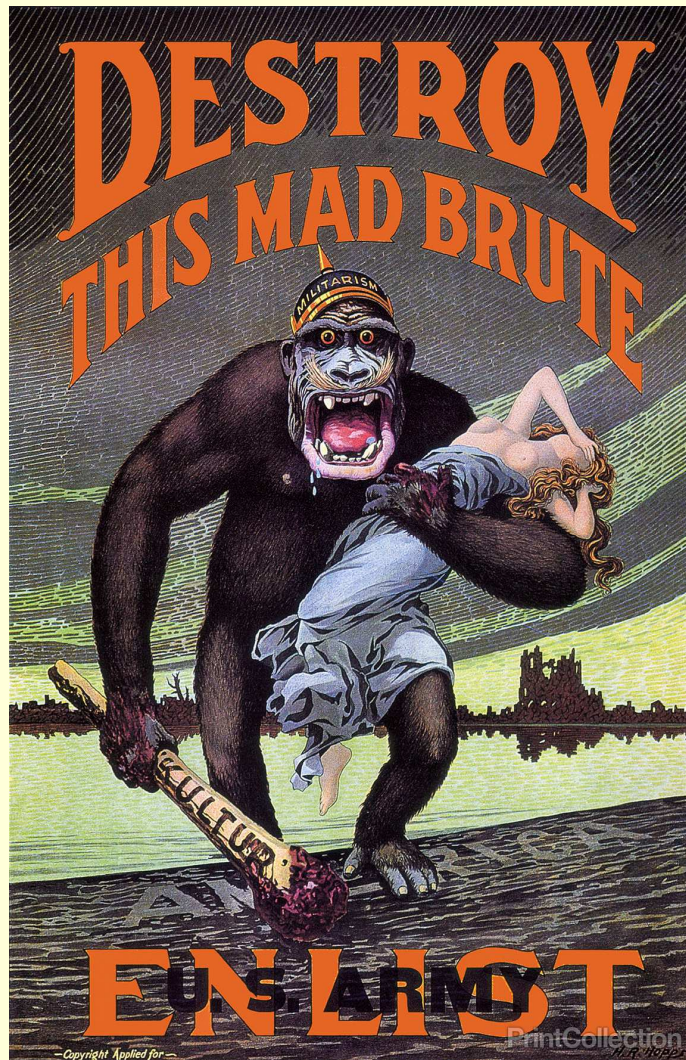
War Propaganda

- Maintenance of public support for war
- Untruths
- Irony: disbelief of WWI propaganda makes belief in WWII atrocities more difficult

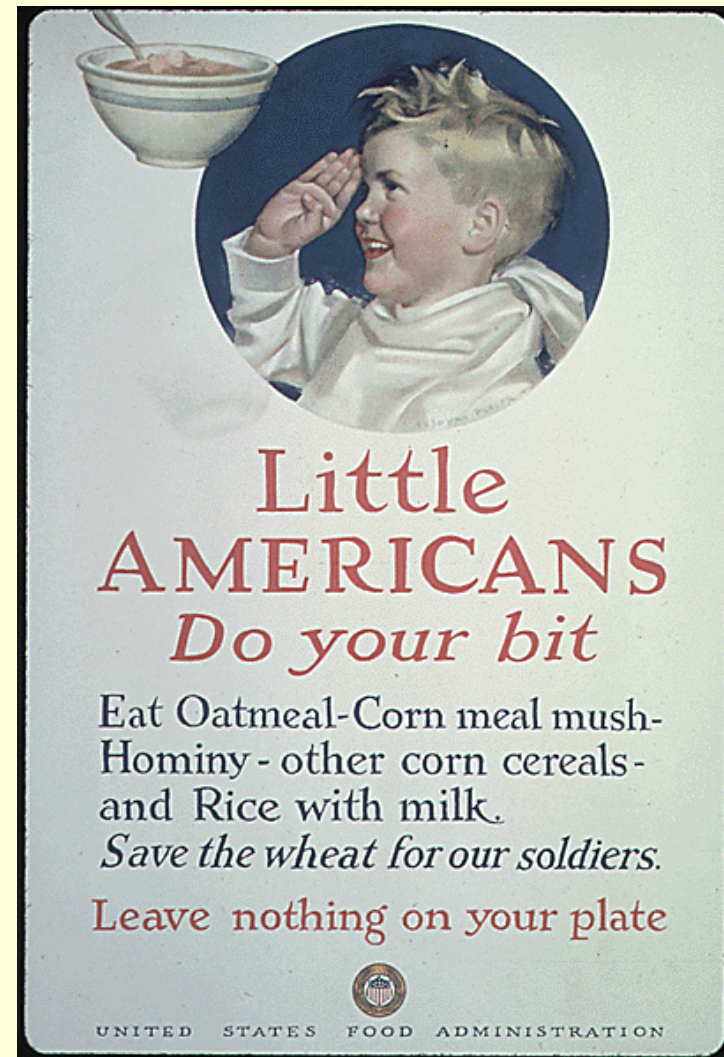
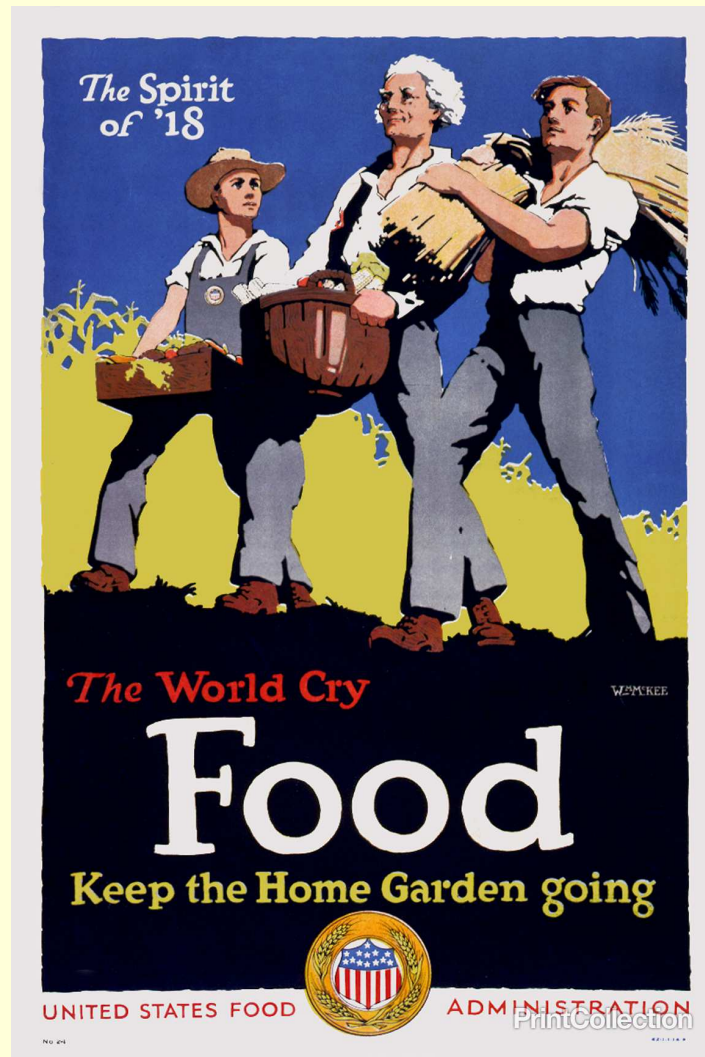
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Global Involvement

- Importation of troops from colonies
 - UK: Australia, New Zealand, Canada
 - Gallipoli
- Japanese designs on China with distraction of European powers

Collapse of the Russian Empire

- Russia: February Revolution, 1917
- Germany smuggles Lenin into Provisional Government Russia
- October Revolution, creation of the USSR
- Treaty of Brest-Litovsk cedes Poland, Baltic countries, Ukraine to central Powers

USA Enters the War

- US and the war economy
 - Sale of goods to the Allies
 - Debts to American banks
 - US neutrality a mirage
- German blockade of British overseas trade
- Submarine patrols
- Sinking of Lusitania, May 7, 1915
 - 1,198 lives lost (128 US)
 - Carried munitions
- US declares war April 1917

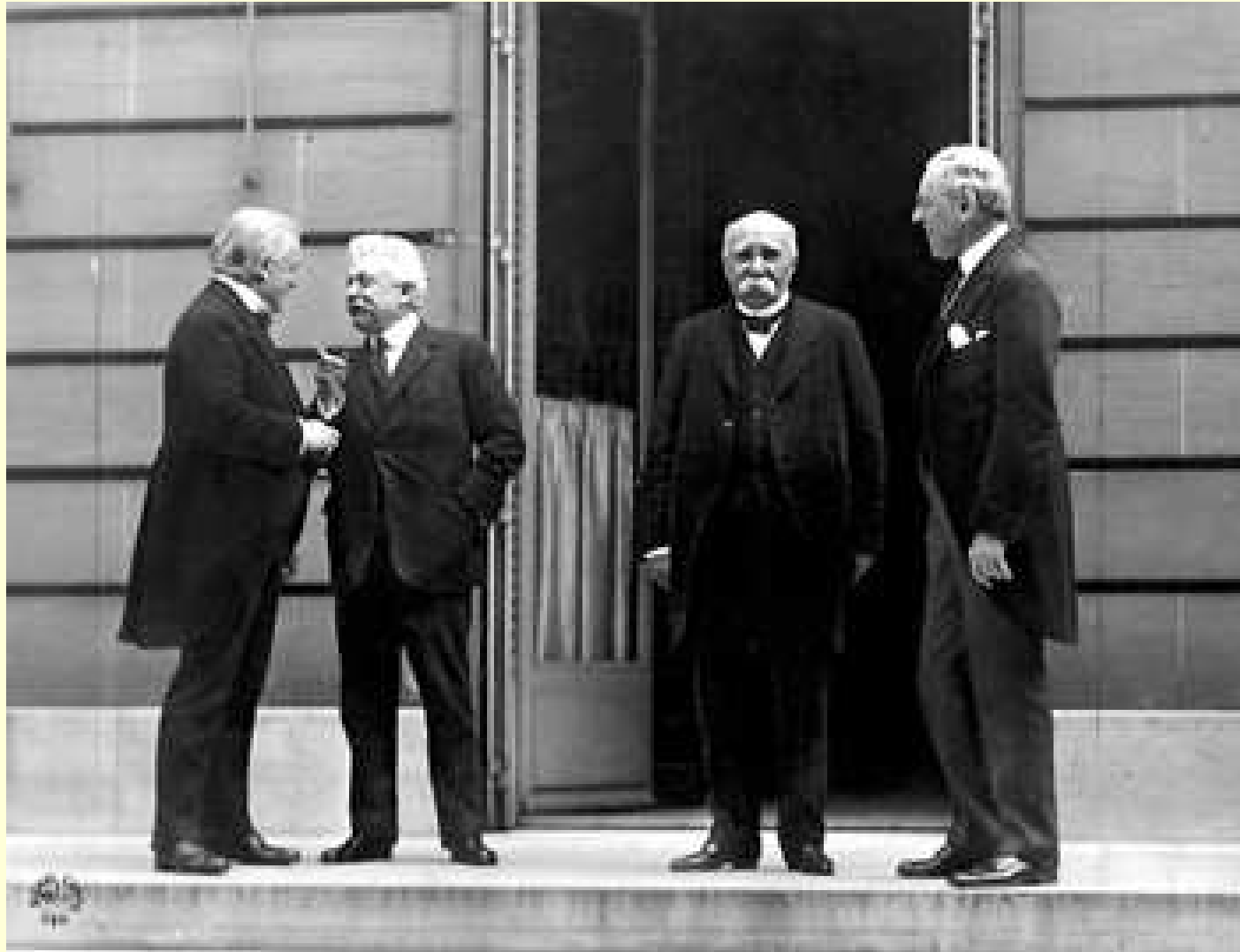
Defeat of the Central Powers

- Fall of 1918, exhaustion of Central Powers troops
- Bulgaria, Ottomans, Austro-Hungarians, Germans surrender
- Armistice: November 11, 1918

The Paris Peace Conference

- Dominated by France, Great Britain, and the United States
 - No Central Powers representation
 - A dictated peace
 - Goals of the winners for the peace
- Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points
- Peace treaties harsh on Central Powers
 - “carthaginian peace”
 - War debt
 - War guilt

The Big Four



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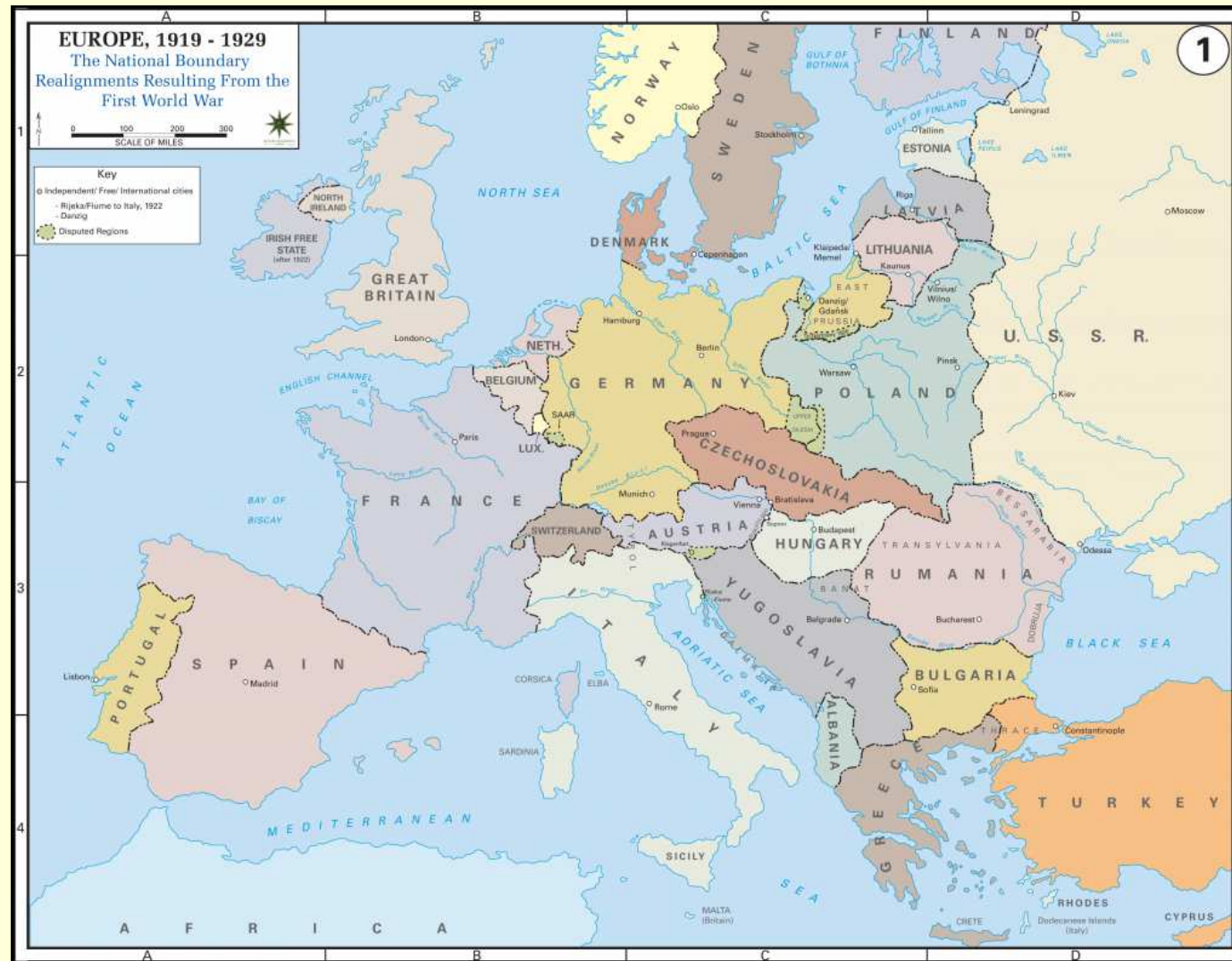
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- Liberal ideals and National self-interest
- Self-determination
 - Call to reorient colonies to the interests of colonized and work towards national self-governments
 - High ideals but also problematic execution
- Ideals live on

Before the Great War



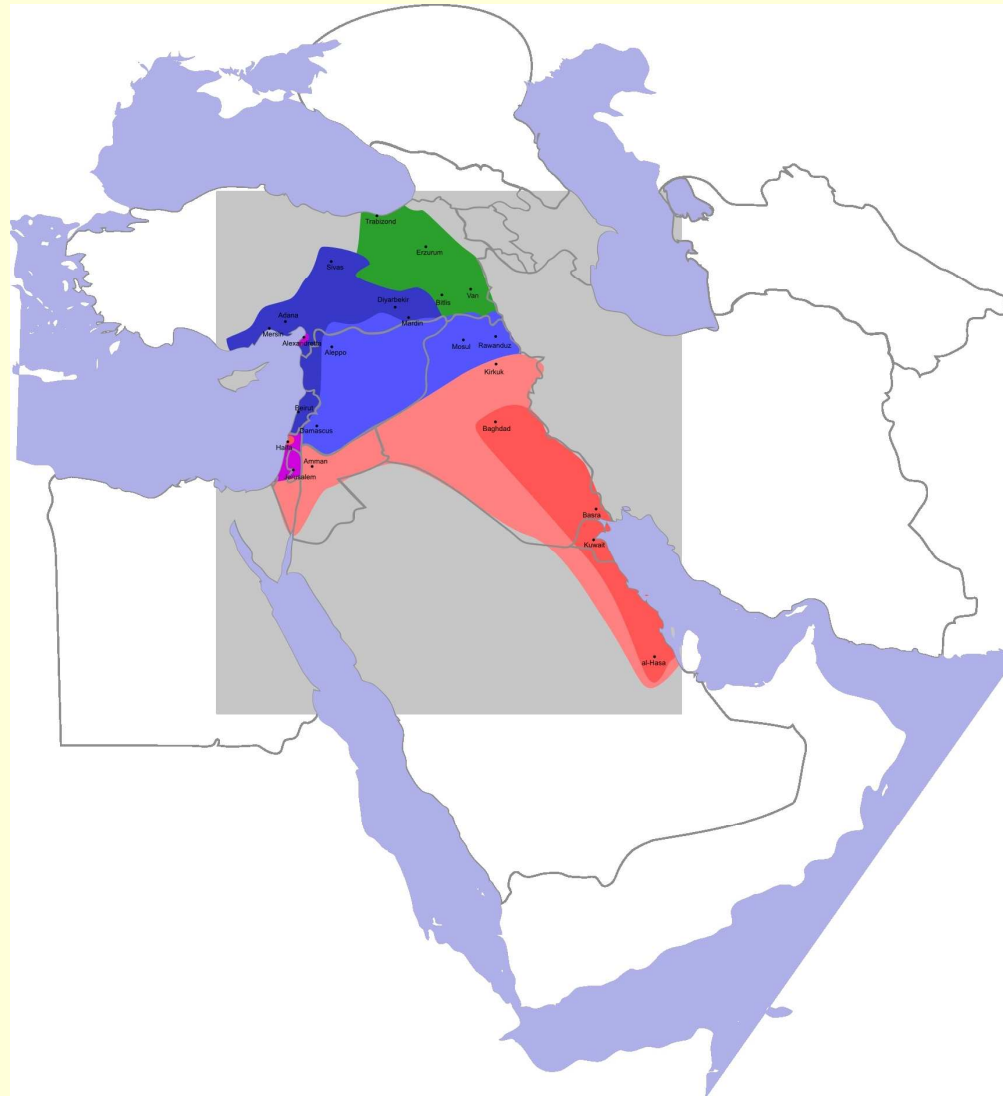
After the Great War



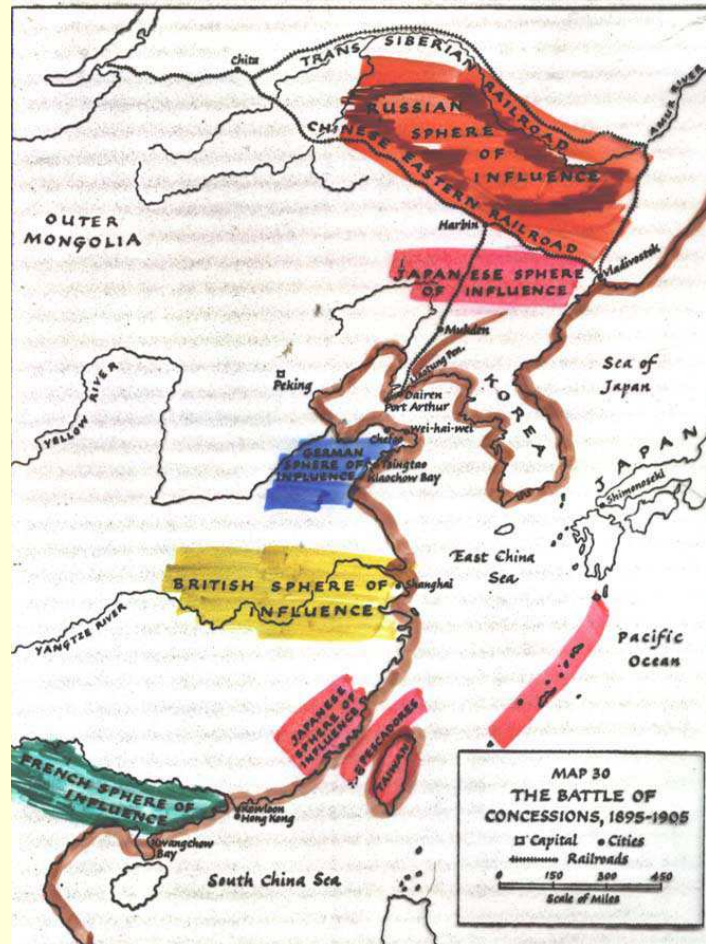
The End of the Ottoman Empire

- Treaty of Sèvres (1920) removes Balkan and Arab provinces, allows for European occupation of south and east Anatolia
- Mustafa Kemal (Atatürk) leads uprising against Sultanate, creates Republic of Turkey
- Allies recognize republic in Treaty of Lausanne (1923)
- Intensely secular government, women's rights

Southwest Asia after the Great War



Chinese Concessions and Versailles



The League of Nations

- League of Nations created by diplomats in Paris
- 42 original member-states, 26 non-European
- Application of Wilson's concept of "self-determination"
- Mandate system created to control formerly colonized areas
- United States does not ratify
- League will be created but fail to stop Italians in Ethiopia in 1930s

The Aftermath

- Feeling of despair and disillusionment
 - Reflected in art and literature
- Loss of faith in institutions and people
- Fear for the future
- “And what rough beast, its hour come round at last, Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?”

William Butler Yeats

“The Second Coming” (1919)

Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.

Surely some revelation is at hand;
Surely the Second Coming is at hand.
The Second Coming! Hardly are those words out
When a vast image out of *Spiritus Mundi*
Troubles my sight: somewhere in sands of the desert
A shape with lion body and the head of a man,
A gaze blank and pitiless as the sun,
Is moving its slow thighs, while all about it
Reel shadows of the indignant desert birds.
The darkness drops again; but now I know
That twenty centuries of stony sleep
Were vexed to nightmare by a rocking cradle,
And what rough beast, its hour come round at last,
Slouches towards Bethlehem to be born?

The End (for now)

