

## World War I Two Column Notes

### Western Front

- Trench line ran from Swiss border to English Channel
- Stalemate by 1917
- Enormous casualties
- Mutinies in French Army

### Eastern Front

- Two million Russian war dead by Mar. 1918
- Tsar steps down in Feb. 1917
- Replaced by provisional govt.
- Lenin's Bolsheviks take over in Nov. 1917
- Bolsheviks take Russia out of war
- Treaty of Brest-Litovsk signed in Mar. 1918
- Germans transfer armies to Western Front

### Unrestricted submarine warfare

- British blockade Ger. to starve it into submission
- Ger. U-boats blockade England to starve it into submission
- Passenger ship *Lusitania* sunk; 188 Americans killed
- Feb. 1917: Germans declare all shipping to Eng. open to attack
- U.S. breaks off diplomatic relations with Ger. as a result

### Zimmermann Telegram

- Sent from Foreign Ministry in Berlin to Ger. Embassy in Mexico City
- Ger. offers Mexico to make war & peace together against U.S.
- Ger. supports Mexico reconquering Texas, N. Mexico & Arizona
- Telegram intercepted by British Secret Service
- Leads directly to U.S. declaration of war

## U.S. declares war

- Apr. 1917: Pres. Wilson asks for, receives dec. of war from Congress
- Only fourth time in history Congress declares war
- Anti-German sentiment in U.S. high

## 1918

- Ger. Army on W. Front reinforced from E. Front
- Germans make final attack against British, French & Americans in summer
- U.S. Marines throw Germans back at Belleau Wood

## Armistice

- Ludendorff's attack last card Germans have to play
- Ger. surrenders to Allies on Nov. 11, 1918
- Seeds of WWII sown