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NOTICE!

TRAVELLERS intending to embark on the Atlantic voyage are reminded that a state of war exists between Germany and her allies and Great Britain and her allies; that the zone of war includes the waters adjacent to the British Isles; that in accordance with formal notice given by the Imperial German Government, vessels flying the flag of Great Britain, or of any of her allies, are liable to destruction in those waters and that travellers sailing in the war zone on ships of Great Britain or her allies do so at their own risk.

IMPERIAL GERMAN EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D. C., APRIL 22, 1918.



Submarine Warfare

1-What are U-boats?

2-What did the Germans warn?

3-What happened to the Lusitania in 1915?

4-Why did Germany agree then not to attack any more US ships?

5-What was the German policy of attacking all ships known as?

6-Why did the Germans institute this policy in 1917?

Zimmerman Telegram (Note)

7-What did Germany propose to Mexico in the telegram?

8-What effect did the telegram have on the United States public?



WW1 B—US Entry

- 1914-1918
- **Public Support**
- Wilson promised to keep us out of the war and declared us neutral
- Isolationists saw war in Europe as not a threat
- Others supported preparedness, which meant neutral but making preparations for war
- **Communication & Propaganda**
- Public opinion in the US supported the Triple Entente
- Bankers had made large loans to Great Britain
- GB had also cut communication lines leaving only theirs
- Most in US saw Germany as the aggressor

WW1 B—US Entry

- **Submarine Warfare**
- Part of economic warfare, Germany declared they would sink any ships to Britain
- The Lusitania was sunk in 1915, and Germany agreed to not attack any more US ships
- In 1917, Germany started attacking all ships again (including ours)
- **Zimmerman Telegram**
- Zimmerman is the German Foreign Minister and sent a letter to Mexico
- Promised to help Mexico win back land from the US if it attacked the US
- In 1917, after the letter and U-boat attacks, Wilson asked Congress for a declaration of war