

TIMELINE

June 1914

28/06/1914 Archduke Francis Ferdinand heir to the Austria-Hungary throne and his wife are assassinated by a Serbian Nationalist in Sarejevo.

July 1914

05/07/1914 Kaiser William II promises German support for Austria against Serbia.

28/07/1914 Emperor Franz Joseph of Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia and Russia.

29/07/1914 Russia begins to mobilise her armed forces. Austria-Hungarian troops invade Serbia.

August 1914

01/08/1914 Germany declares war on Russia. Official outbreak of World War I.

02/08/1914 Germany invades Luxembourg.

03/08/1914 Germany declares war on France.

04/08/1914 Germany declares war on neutral Belgium and invades in a right flanking move designed to defeat France quickly. This violates a treaty signed by Prussia respecting Belgian neutrality. As a result of this invasion, Britain declares war on Germany and Austria-Hungary. Canada follows suit and joins the war. U.S President Woodrow Wilson declares policy of American neutrality.

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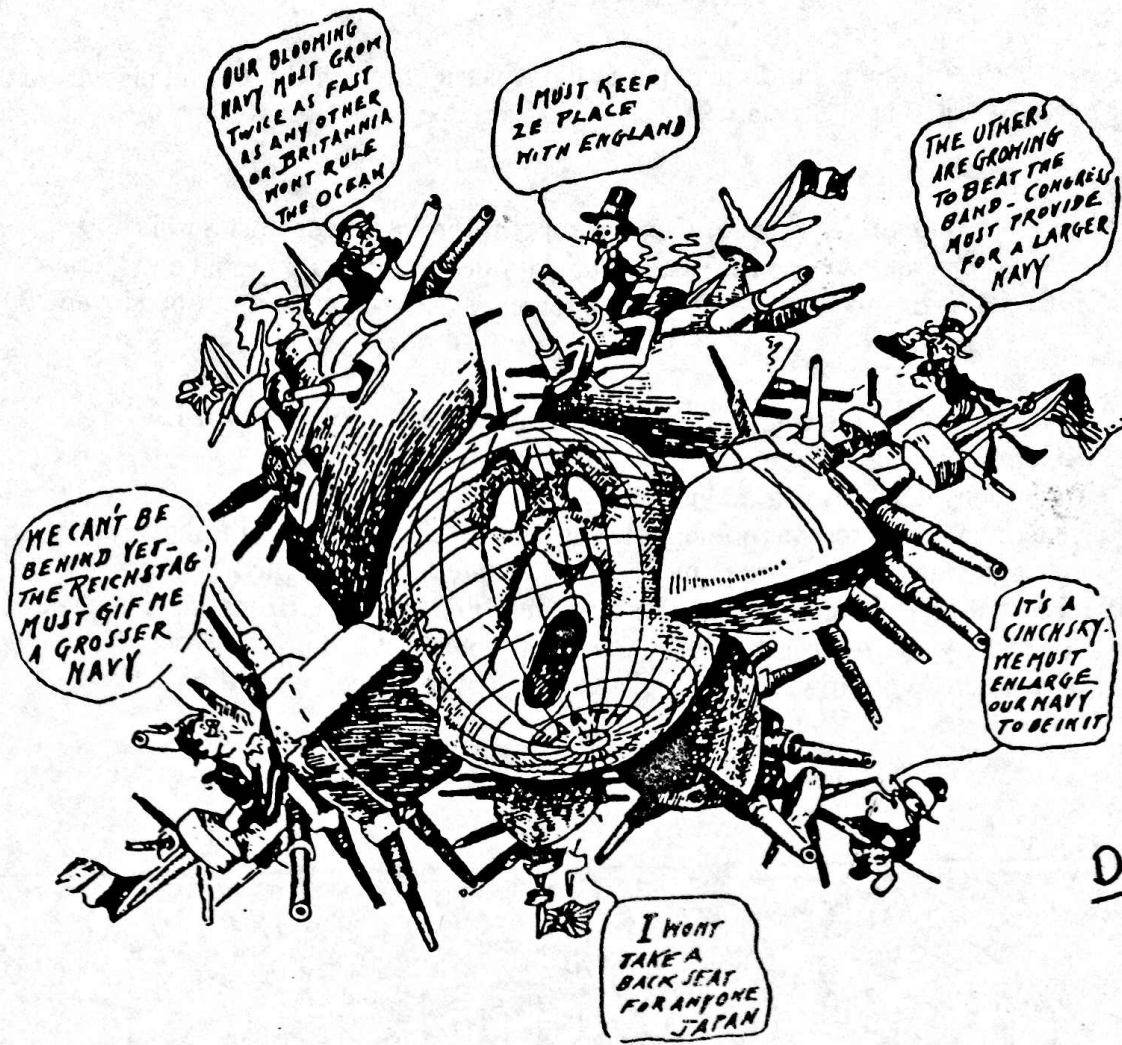


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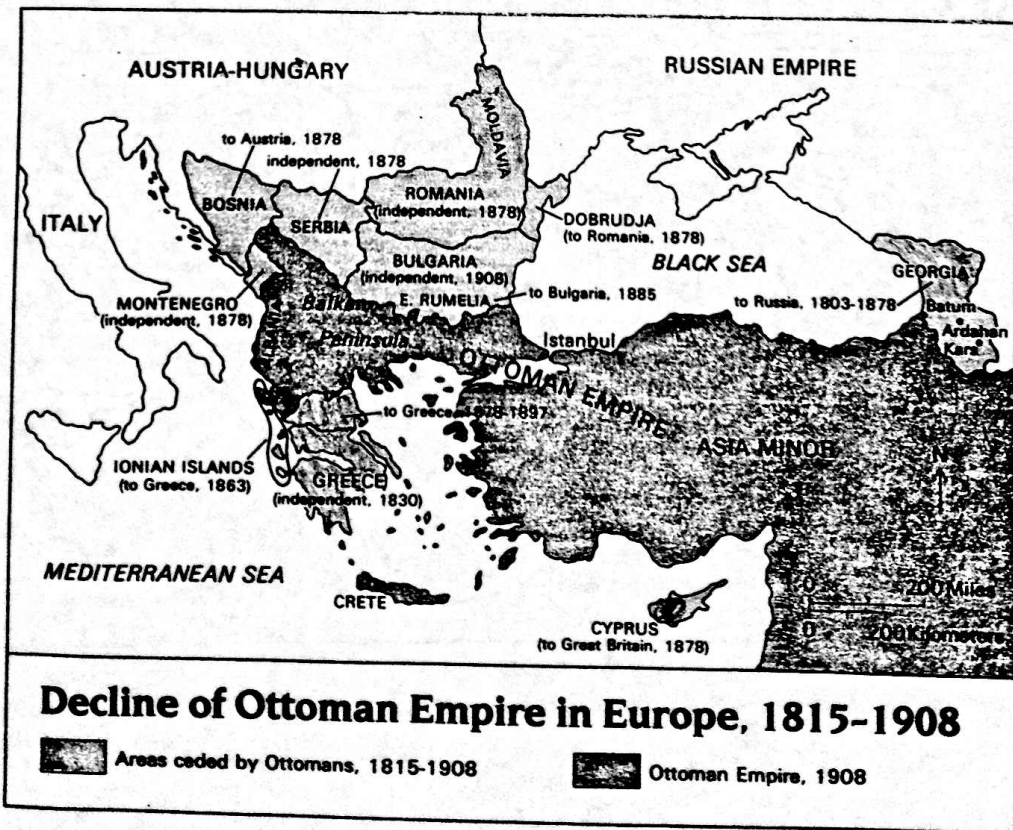
The Crime of the Ages—Who Did It?

August 1914

In the early years of the twentieth century, industrialized nations engaged in a frantic arms race. The cartoon below appeared in the *Detroit News* in 1904.



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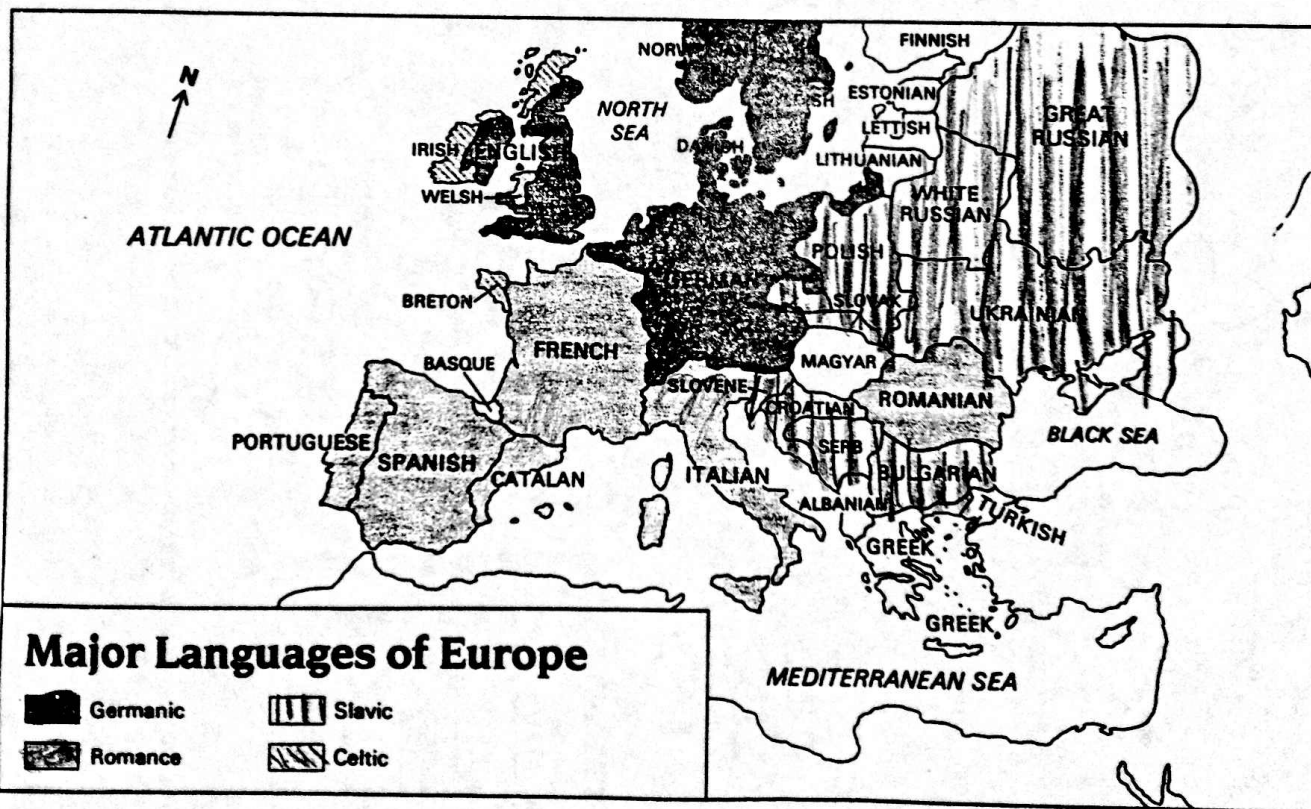
THE BALANCE OF POWER IN 1914

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	Great Britain	France	Russia	Germany	Austria-Hungary	Turkey
Population	46,407,037	39,601,509	167,000,000	65,000,000	49,882,231	21,373,900
Size of Army	711,000	3,500,000	4,423,000	8,500,000	3,000,000	360,000
Battleships	64	28	16	40	16	0
Cruisers	121	34	14	57	12	0
Submarines	64	73	29	23	6	0
Annual Steel Production (tons)	6,903,000	4,333,000	4,416,000	17,024,000	2,642,000	Not Available

Source: Funnell, *History of the Twentieth Century*, Vol. 2, page 453

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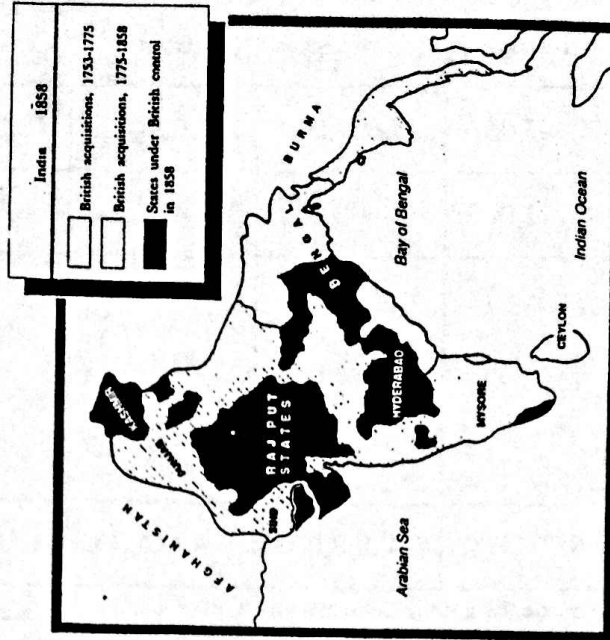


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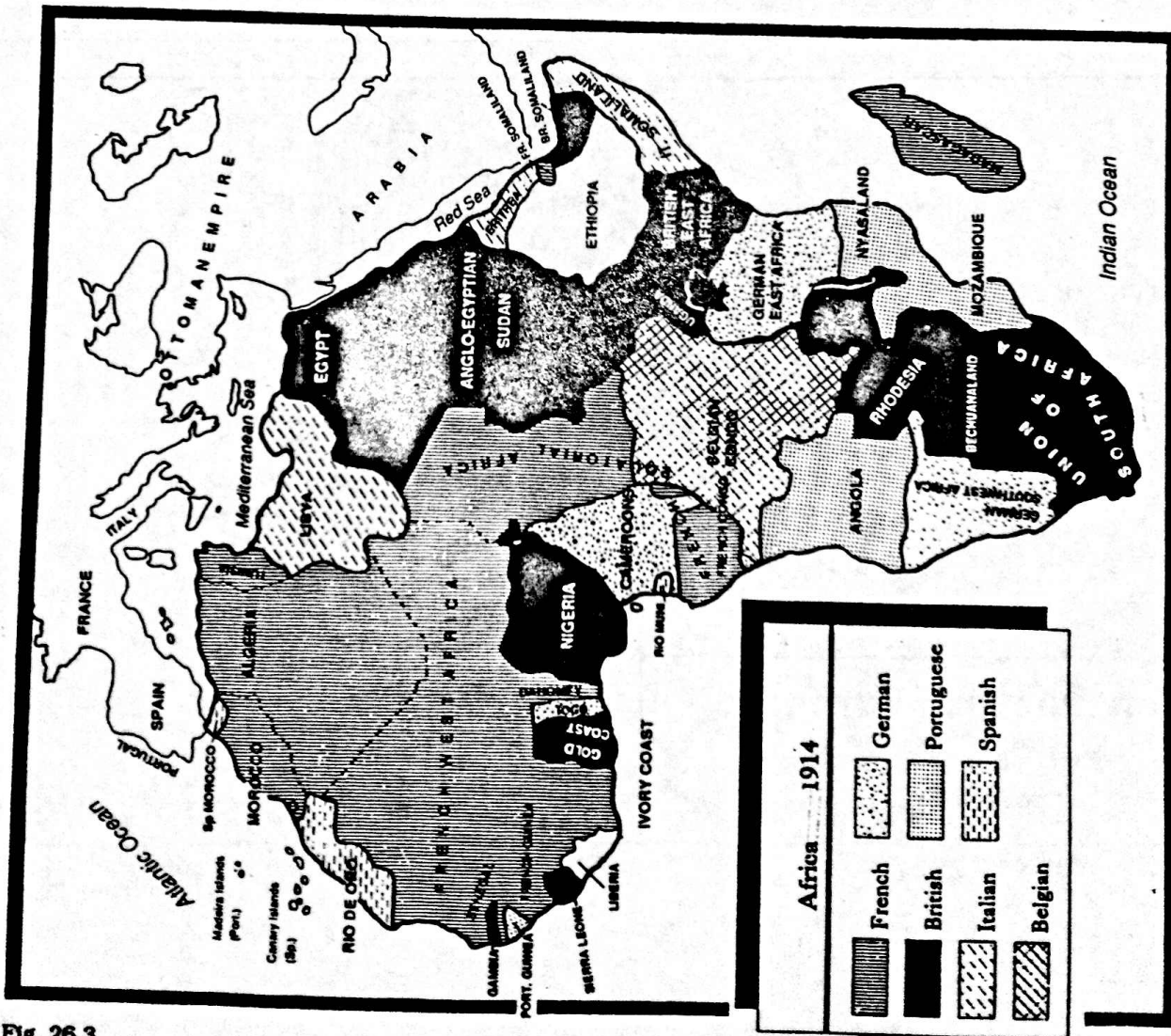


Fig. 26.3

Relative Shares of World Manufacturing Output, 1830-1900
(As a percent of total world manufacturing output)

	<u>1830</u>	<u>1860</u>	<u>1880</u>	<u>1900</u>
United Kingdom	9.5	19.9	22.9	18.5
France	5.2	7.9	7.8	6.8
German States/Germany	3.5	4.9	8.5	13.2
Russia	5.6	7.0	7.6	8.8
United States	2.4	7.2	14.7	23.6
China	29.8	19.7	12.5	6.2

Document 8

20 May, 1882 The Triple Alliance (First 2 Articles)

ARTICLE 1. The High Contracting Parties mutually promise peace and friendship, and will enter into no alliance or engagement directed against any one of their States.

They engage to proceed to an exchange of ideas on political and economic questions of a general nature which may arise, and they further promise one another mutual support within the limits of their own interests.

ARTICLE 2. In case Italy, without direct provocation on her part, should be attacked by France for any reason whatsoever, the two other Contracting Parties shall be bound to lend help and assistance with all their forces to the Party attacked.

This same obligation shall devolve upon Italy in case of any aggression without direct provocation by France against Germany.

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Die Wacht am Rhein (English: *The Watch/Guard on the Rhine*) is a German patriotic song. The song was particularly popular in Germany during the Franco-Prussian War and the First World War.

1 A call roars like thunderbolt,
like clashing swords and splashing waves:
To the Rhine, the Rhine, to the German Rhine,
who wants to be the stream's guardian?

As long as a drop of blood still glows,
a fist still draws the dagger,
and one arm still holds the rifle,
no enemy will here enter your shore!

6 Dear fatherland, put your mind at rest,
dear fatherland, put your mind at rest,
solid stands, and staunch, the watch, the watch on the Rhine.

20 And even if my heart breaks in death,
You'll never ever become a French.
As rich in water is your flood,
is Germany in heroes' blood.

Through hundreds of thousands it quickly twitches,
and everybody's eyes brightly flash;
10 the German, respectable, pious, and strong,
protects the sacred land.

The oath rings out, the billow runs
25 the flags wave high in the wind:
On the Rhine, on the German Rhine
we all want to be the guardian.

He looks up to the meadows of heaven,
where ancient heroes glance down,
and swears with pride pugnacity:
15 You Rhine will remain German like my chest!