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The End

- October bread riots (result of the blockade)
- High Seas Fleet mutiny
- Mass influenza in Germany
  - America’s “secret weapon”?
- Germany finally seeks an armistice (11/4)
  - Wants it prior to a comprehensive defeat
  - Kaiser abdicates
  - New “liberal” government declared
- Armistice declared on Nov 11 at 11 AM
  - Allies keep hammering until the end
  - Very very very controversial decision
Victory?
“A merely fallen enemy may rise again, but the reconciled one is truly vanquished”

Friedrich Schiller
The Armistice

- Stop all hostilities
- Treaties of Bucharest & Brest-Litovsk null & void
- Evacuate all held territory
- Surrender of all war materials & weapons
- Return of all POWs & held civilians
- Surrender all U-Boats & warships
- The blockade remains in place
- Retire behind the Rhine
Who lost?

- Clearly the Central Powers lost
- The “stab in the back” and the “November Criminals”

“I salute you who return unvanquished from the field of battle.”
Friedrich Ebert
German Chancellor
Dec. 11, 1918
Why did they lose?

- The war was one of attrition

- Total population (1918):
  - Central Powers – 144M
  - Allies (& associated powers) – 690M

- Total mobilized manpower
  - Central Powers – 21.6 Million
  - Allies – 39.3 Million

- The Allies had 80% greater manpower reserves and suffered 40% more casualties.
Versailles

- Wilson essentially compromised the first 13 points to create the League
- America refused to ratify the treaty or join the League
- Russia & Germany were not allowed to join.
- The League became a toothless “talk-shop”
Aftermath

- Versailles (+ 4 others) failed.
  - St. Germaine – Austria
  - Trianon – Hungary
  - Neuilly – Bulgaria
  - Lausanne – Turkey

- Austro-Hungarian, Russian, and Ottoman Empires broken up
  - Active warfare from 1917 until 1923
  - In many respects has continued up to today.
Aftermath (2)

- German people held great bitterness against those who had
  - Starved them
  - Taken away their empire
  - Imposed harsh reparations & restrictions
    - Losses: 80% of iron, 38% of steel, 30% of coal
    - $32 billion ($6.5 trillion) in reparations
    - Blamed them for the war (war guilt – 231)

- Germany did not accept that it had been defeated (“the stab in the back”)
Aftermath (3)

- China very bitter about Japan
- The Arabs very bitter
  - Picot-Sykes (Mandates)
- The Jews take matters into their own hands based on the “Balfour Declaration”
Russia heading for communist state

- Civil War – Nov 1917 to Oct 1922
- \( \approx 1.6 \text{ M} \) more deaths

Italy very bitter

Japan now has an empire

England & France are tired & broke

America tries to go back into its shell
The Costs

- $280 billion (≈ $57 trillion today)
- About 9000 combat deaths per day
  - 5:1 ratio combat to illness deaths
- As much as twice that number seriously injured or crippled
- 2 to 6 million men simply disappeared
- Major factor in spreading influenza
Known Combat Deaths

- Britain: (12%)  
  1.1M out of 9M (5M English)

- Austria: (14%)  
  1.1M out of 7.8M

- Germany: (18%)  
  2.0M out of 11M

- France: (16%)  
  1.4M out of 8.4M

- Italy: (13%)  
  700K out of 5.6M

- Russia: (15%)  
  1.8M out of 12M

- USA: (3%) (12%)  
  116K out of 4.3M

- Turkey: (12%)  
  325k out of 2.8M

In addition, some 1 Million Native Africans were drafted of which ≈200K died (20%)
Plus 2494 other cemeteries
On the Western Front Alone
Douaumont Ossuary
The Legacy

- The view from the East vs. the West
- Loss of the “European Mystique”
- Truly intrusive government
  - Driven by the “Shell Shortage” but also
  - Creation, care, & feeding of massive armies
    - Especially the “remobilization” of 1916
  - Care & feeding of veterans, widows, orphans, etc:
  - Propaganda campaigns
The Legacy (2)

- The Communist Revolution
- The “Roaring Twenties”
- The Great Depression
- The Second World War
- The Bi-polar Cold War
In other words:
The Twentieth Century And Beyond
I learned much from my teachers, more from my colleagues, but most from my students.

The Talmud