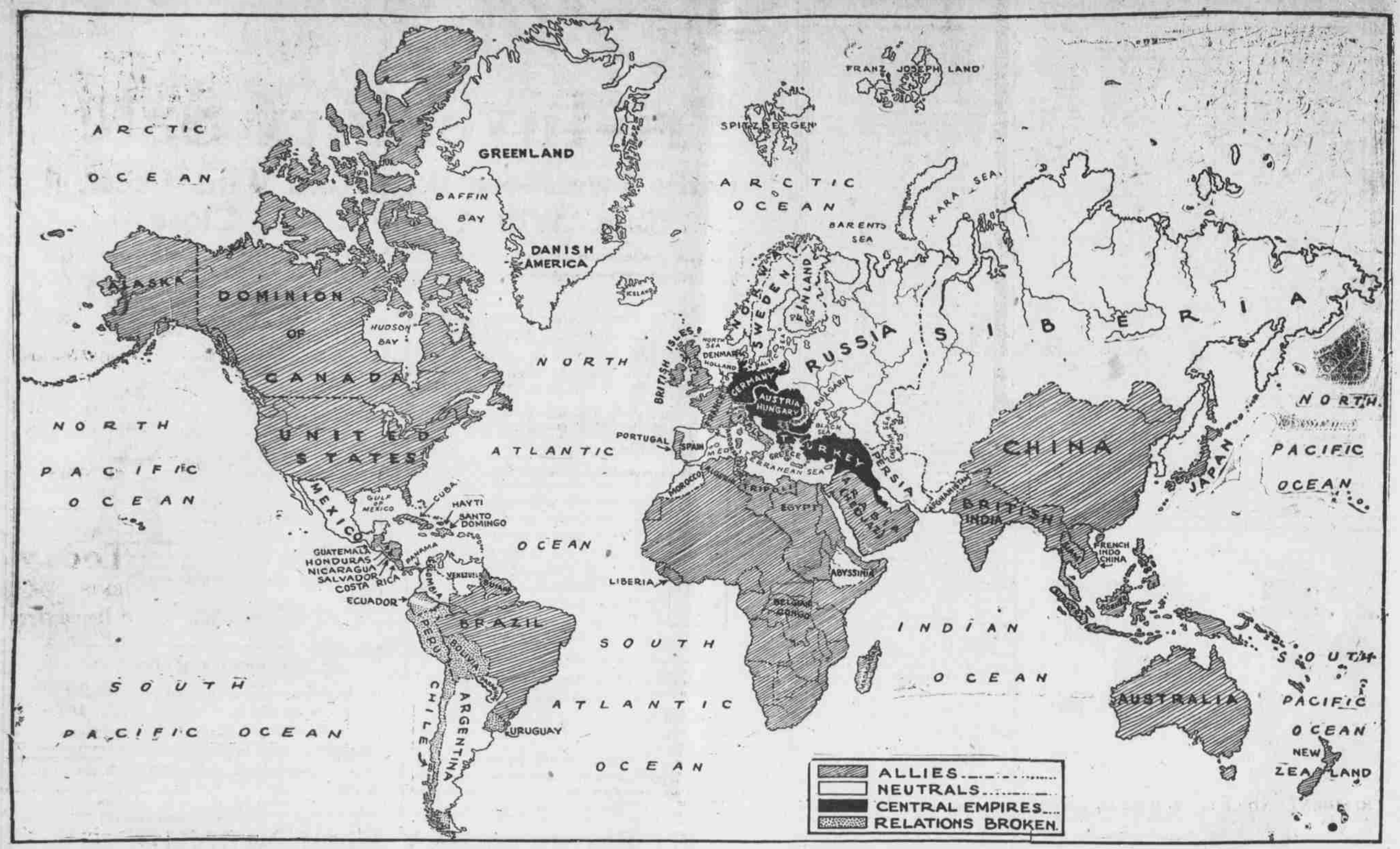
HALF THE WORLD, NINE-TENTHS OF POPULATION, FIGHTING HUNS



TWENTY-THREE STATES ARRAYED AGAINST HUNS TO AVERT RUIN OF CIVILIZATION

Nearly nine-tenths of the world is at war after four years of the great conflict for civilization, and a large part of the remaining tenth—which now includes Russia, nominally at peace—is torn by internal dissensions.

During this fourth year two new governments appear to have definitely taken their places among the nations. The Hedjaz, which began a revolt against Turkey two years ago, has been recognized by the Allies and is fighting with them, materially aiding in the conquest of Palestine and Mesopotamia. Finland, racially distinct, probably will never again be Russian. Nominally neutral, she is practically controlled by Germany. The following is the way the world divides.

THE ALLIES

1914	
Serbia, July 28	4,548,000
France, August 3	87,429,000
Belgium, August 4	22,571,000
British Empire, August 4	439,959,000
Montenegro, August 7	516,000
Japan, August 23	73,807,000
1915	
Italy, May 23	37,398,000
San Marino, June 2	12,000
1916	
Portugal, March 10	15,208,000
Hedjaz, June 9	1,050,000
1917	
United States, April 6	113,168,000
Cuba, April 8	2,500,000
Panama, April 9	337,000
Greece, July 16	4,821,000
Siam, July 22	8,150,000
Liberia, August 7	2,000,000
China, August 14	350,650,000
Brazil, October 26	24,618,000
1918	
Guatemala, April 23	2,119,000
Nicaragua, May 7	600,000
Costa Rica, May 24	431,000
Hayti, July 15	2,500,000
Honduras, July 19	650,000
Total, 23 States	1,195,042,000

Two States have left the ranks of the Allies—Russia, through Bolshevik treachery, and Roumania, isolated and forced into a dishonorable peace as the alternative to annihilation. On the other hand, the defection of Russia has been more than made up in population by the entry into the war of China, Brazil, Liberia, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Hayti and Honduras, the latter only two weeks ago. Thus 23 States are arrayed against Germany in comparison with 16 a year ago.

The four Central American States had already broken off relations with Germany a year ago, and there remain 6 States in that condition which have not yet declared war.

The neutrals number 22, against 19 last year, being increased by Russia, Roumania and Finland.

RELATIONS BROKEN

1917	
Bolivia, April 14	2,890,000
Santo Domingo, June 8	795,000
Chili, June 29	3,870,000
Peru, October 6	4,620,000
Uruguay, October 7	1,379,000
Ecuador, December 8	1,500,000
Total, 6 States	15,054,000

THE CENTRAL POWERS

Austria, July 28, 1914	51,341,000
Germany, August 1, 1914	80,661,000
Turkey, November 3, 1914	20,253,000
Bulgaria, October 4, 1915	4,755,000
Total, 4 States	157,010,000

NEUTRAL STATES.

The following governments are neutral in the great war:—

In EUROPE—Andorra, 6,000; Denmark and colonies, 2,872,000; Finland, 3,277,000; Holland and colonies, 38,667,000; Luxemburg, 268,000; Monaco, 23,000; Norway, 2,459,000; Roumania, 7,516,000; Russia, 171,890,000; Spain and colonies 21,350,000; Sweden, 5,680,000; Switzerland, 3,877,000.—Twelve States, population 257,855,000.

In ASIA—Afghanistan, 4,500,000; Persia, 9,000,000.—Two States, population 13,500,000.

In AFRICA—Abyssinia, 8,000,000; Morocco, 5,500,000.—Two States, population 13,500,000.

In NORTH AMERICA—Mexico, 15,160,000; Salvador, 1,271,000.—Two States, population 16,431,000.

In SOUTH AMERICA—Argentina, 7,905,000; Colombia, 5,500,000; Paraguay, 800,000; Venezuela, 2,805,000.—Four States population 17,010,000.

Total neutral population (22 States), 318,296,000.

RECAPITULATION

At war with Germany, 23 States	1,195,042,000
Relations broken, 6 States	15,054,000
Anti-German, 29 States	1,210,096,000
Germanic allies, 4 States	157,010,000
Neutral world, 22 States	318,296,000
World's population	1,685,402,000

Blame for Starting the War Is Placed on the Letter "U"

WHAT started the war was the topic that had been introduced into the conversation of the dog watch, which in the early morning after the first edition had gone to press was eating supper in a corner of the big city room. The Cub did it by gravely calling attention to certain chapters and passages in the Bible of which he had heard. (As the Old Reporter gulped down a cup of coffee he confided that he knew that the language herein was not to be questioned.)

"After all that has been said," the Cub [illegible] "What started this [illegible] Of course, it was the letter U. In hundreds of years [illegible] the letter U has become degenerated into the [illegible] 'you-come,' [illegible]."

"However, [illegible] got loose it became a [illegible] In France and later in Germany and Hungary. It contaminated all the [illegible] Just observe [illegible] Joffre, Ulsterville, Ulsasutal, Ulesborg, Umbreit and a host of other U's. Go into the matter and you will see the illegitimate vowel running all the way through, leading up to the outbreak of the war. Why, they even called certain soldiers Uhlans.

"I will call your attention only to what has passed under the observation in the last few years. We here in New York were going along all right. We were eating broiled lobster and going to the shows in which virtue was rewarded and wickedness punished and enjoying ourselves at a reasonable expense when the U business began. One of the first outwardmanifestations was when the boys came down from New Haven following a football game or a baseball game and began singing 'U-pi-dee,' or something to that effect. I never have heard that a U-pi-dee has been captured, identified and catalogued. Anyway, we det that pass, and then all the reformers began talking about the Uplift. Even the word reform was pushed out of the vocabulary and uplift was substituted. We were being uplifted on all sides, in the forums, at Chautauqua, [illegible] and the theatres. Rich [illegible] good old shows as 'Old Homestead,' 'Blue Jeans,' 'In Old Kentucky' and 'Way Down East' were shelved to make room for the Uplift dramas. Then came the Urge. We were afflicted with the Urge. We had the cosmic urge, the psychic urge and the artistic urge. Immediately the Uplift and the Urge got fused into the Ultimate, the Universal and the subliminal Upsush. Everybody was talking about society's ultimate and the attention of the town was swerved from the old standards of the district primary, and the voters began scratching the tickets and there was no way of reckoning just what the old First ward would do.

"The U idea got into business and they began putting business concerns together and calling them the Union company, the United company or the Universal company, or something like that, but always with the U right up in the drum major's conspicuous place. Why, in the old days we used to call a cracker a cracker, not aspiring to a name more fancy than the parrot uses when he tells what he wants. But some commercial genius who had been inoculated by the U virus had to have a change, so he utilized the ubiquitous U in an unlawful union of ultimo-geniture and unblushingly unmasked the unique nuncupation. And now old-fashioned crackers have become a particular kind of biscuit.

"And about this time the girls began playing the ukulele. Time was when a girl was doing pretty well to play the piano or the fiddle, but the U business could not be stopped and she must now unravel a sort of a chopstick melody from a South Sea Island ukulele.

"Such was the condition of affairs when the war started. We knew it would be a big war, but we didn't know about the possible peregrinations. For instance, the people of the civilized world weren't alert to what the U-boats would do. They proved to be a wonderful instrument in getting peoples interested in the war—interested and enlisted on the side of the Allies. England was doing a mighty work, but of course there had to be a little digression because of Ulster. The Russian problem was a big one, particularly because of the Ukrainians.

"But of course the whole thing will end with an ultimatum from Uncle Sam."

The grass is high around the step;
Unpruned, the orchard trees
Drop rosy treasures overripe,
A banquet for the bees.
The blinds half off their hinges swing,
The broken gate's ajar,
But in the window hangs a flag
With one blue service star.

The pretty house across the way
Is kept with constant care;
The lawn is cut, the walks are trimmed,
The flowers are bright and fair,
A small garage behind it holds
A new and shining car,
But, oh, its window has no flag
That shows a service star.

And when the people pass along
The road that runs between
They do not glance toward the house
Where all is neat and clean;
But every eye is turned upon
My painless window bar,
From which depends the sacred flag
With one blue service star.

I'm proud because the weeds are thick,
The roses choked and dead,
The fences down, the shingles off,
A leaky roof o'erhead.
It means my man has gone to fight
For France and freedom far
And left me here to keep the flag
With one blue service star.