

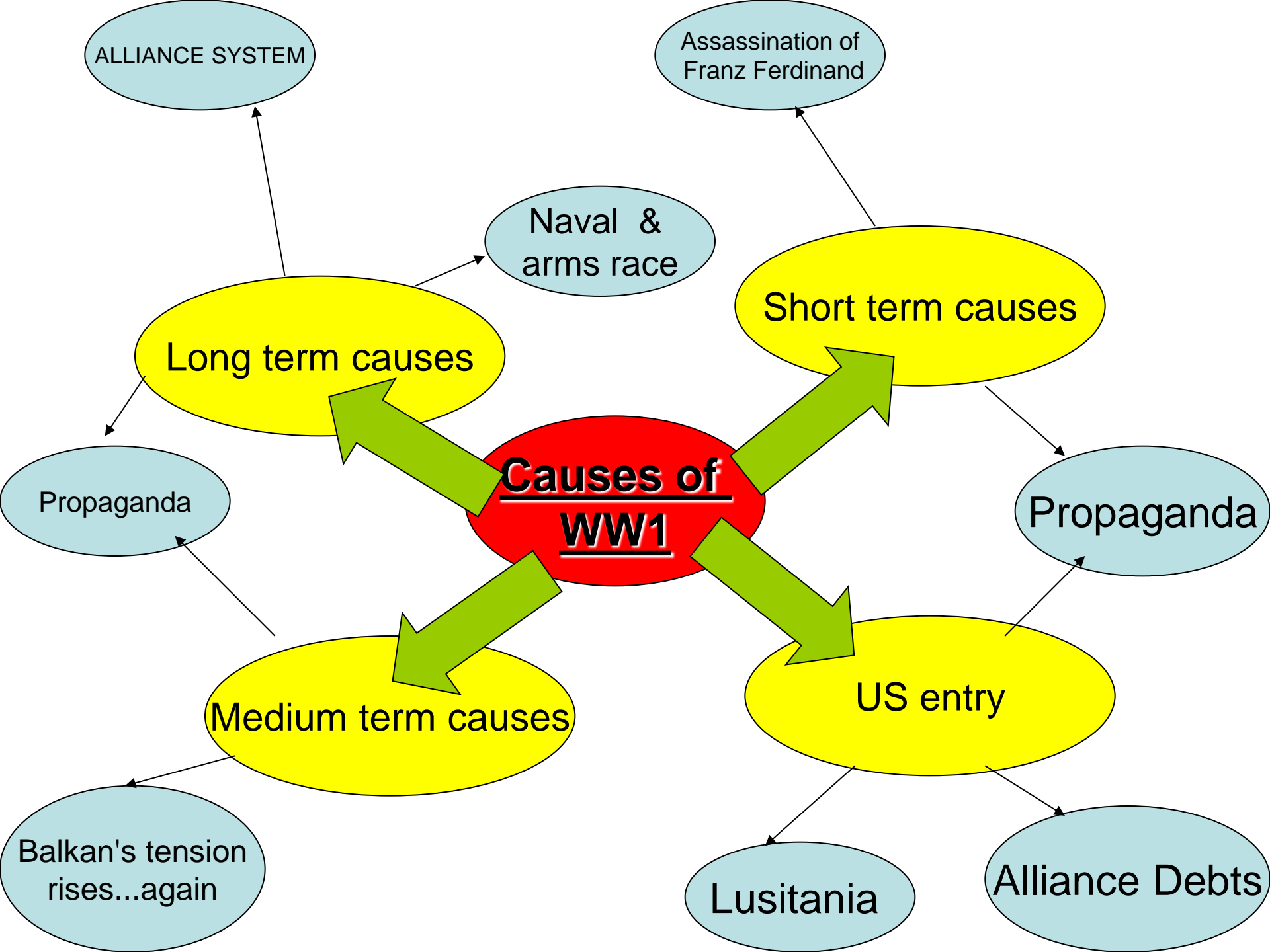
# World War I



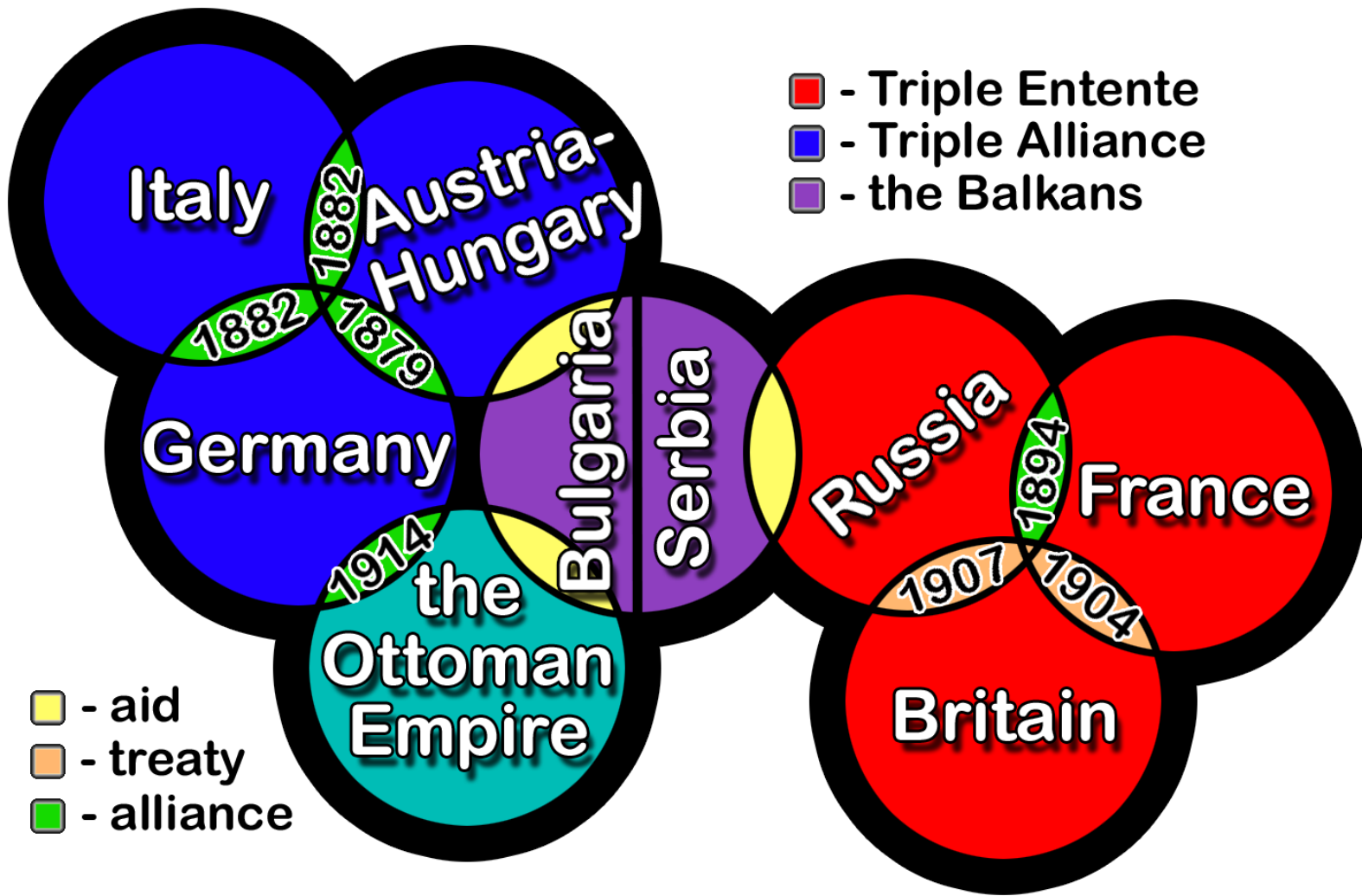


World War I began on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1914, and ended with an armistice (treaty) on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918.





# Alliance System for WWI







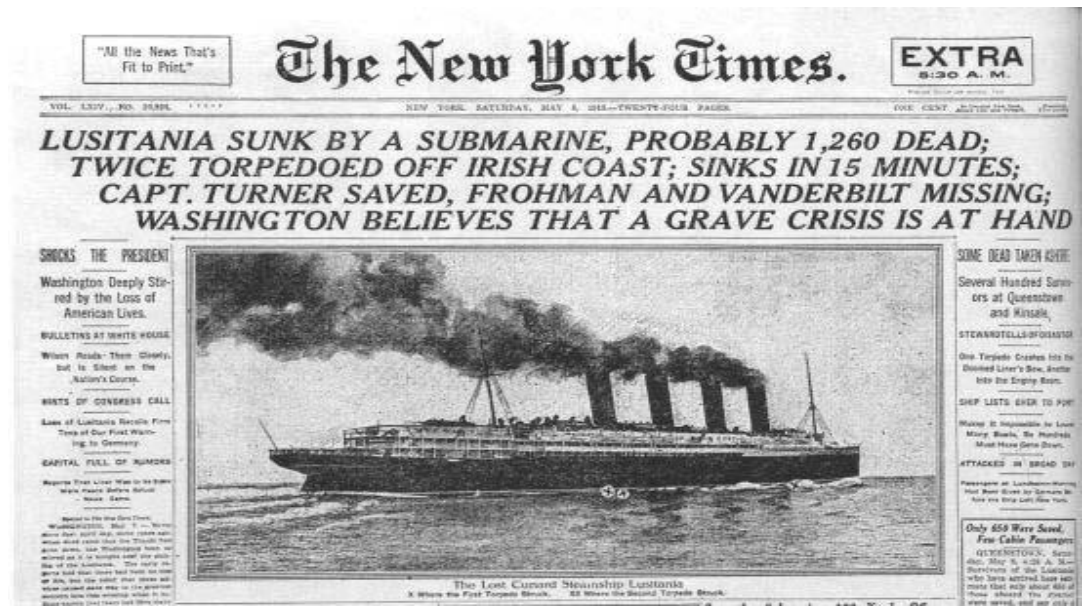
# Thoughts on War

- In the summer of 1914, most Utahns, like most Americans, had little concerned with the rumblings of war in Europe
- Advocated a strict policy of neutrality
- United States entered the war on April 6<sup>th</sup> 1917



# Reasons for Entry to War

- Loss of 124 American lives when the passenger ship *Lusitania* was sunk off the coast of Ireland in May 1915
- A rumored alliance with Mexico which would restore territory lost to the United States in 1848
- Propaganda



# Zimmermann Telegram

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October 1-8-58  
W. L. Garrison, State Dept.

TELEGRAM RECEIVED.

By *Mark A. Eckhoff, Assistant*  
Date *Oct. 27, 1953*

FROM 2nd from London # 5747.

"We intend to begin on the first of February unrestricted submarine warfare. We shall endeavor in spite of this to keep the United States of America neutral. In the event of this not succeeding, we make Mexico a proposal of alliance on the following basis: make war together, make peace together, generous financial support and an understanding on our part that Mexico is to reconquer the lost territory in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. The settlement in detail is left to you. You will inform the President of the above most secretly as soon as the outbreak of war with the United States of America is certain and add the suggestion that he should, on his own initiative, ~~invite~~ <sup>invite</sup> Japan to immediate adherence and at the same time mediate between Japan and ourselves. Please call the President's attention to the fact that the ruthless employment of our submarines now offers the prospect of compelling England in a few months to make peace." Signed, ZIMMERMANN.



# Utah in the War



- Planted "victory gardens"
- Volunteered for work in the beet fields and on Utah's fruit farms
- Purchased Liberty Bonds
- Collected money for the Red Cross
- Used meat and sugar substitutes, even observed meatless days
- Knitted socks, wove rugs for hospitals

# Utah Cont.

- Utah's economy prospered with wartime demands for farm and orchard produce, sugar, beef, coal, and copper
- Fort Douglas was an important military facility during the War. Thousands of recruits were trained at the fort and a prison was set up at the fort to house 870 enemy aliens

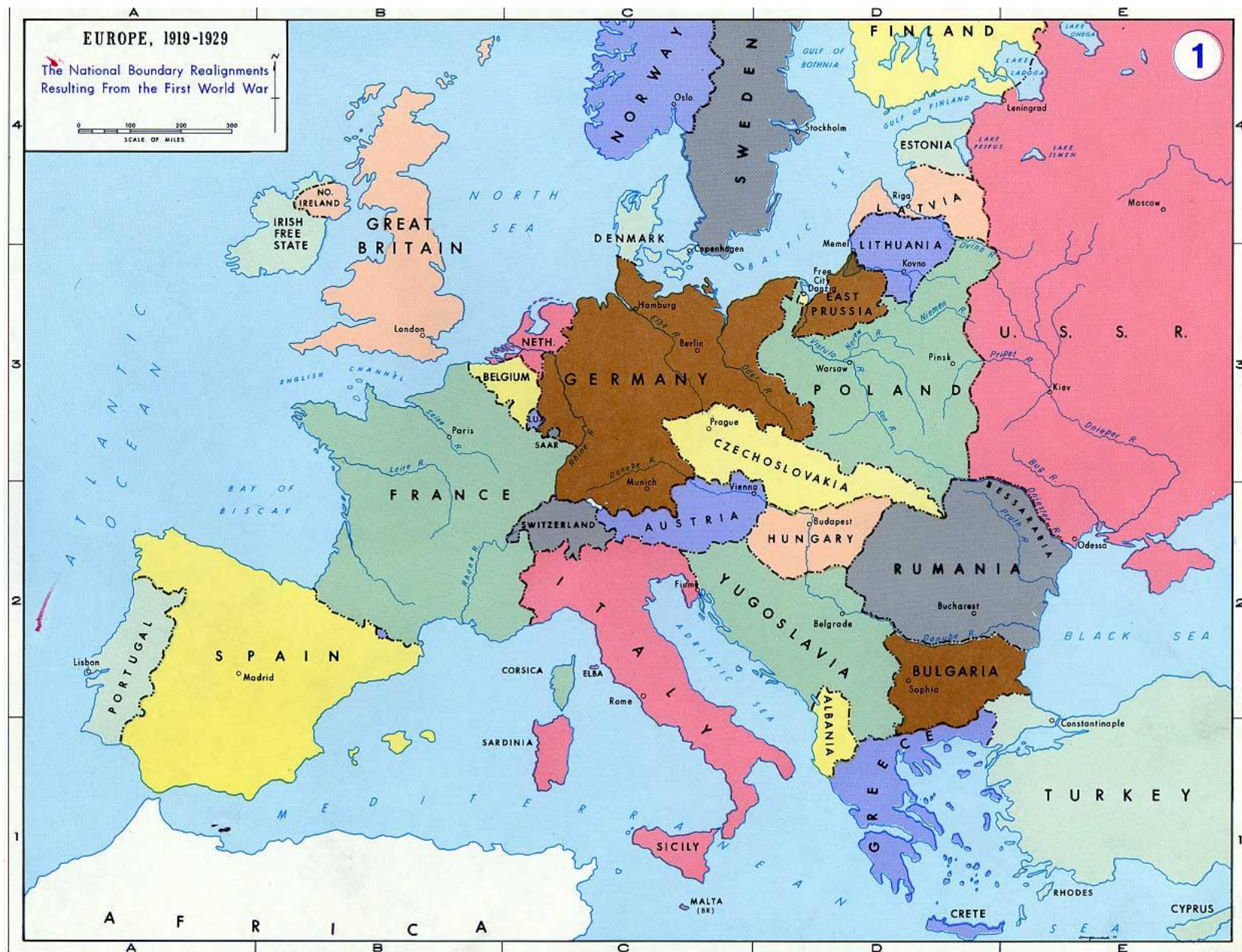
- November 11<sup>th</sup> as Armistice Day
- "Memory Grove" dedicated on 27 June 1924, as a memorial to the soldiers killed during the war.
- Approximately 21,000 Utahans saw military service
- 665 died and 864 were wounded



# EUROPE, 1919-1929

The National Boundary Realignments  
Resulting From the First World War

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