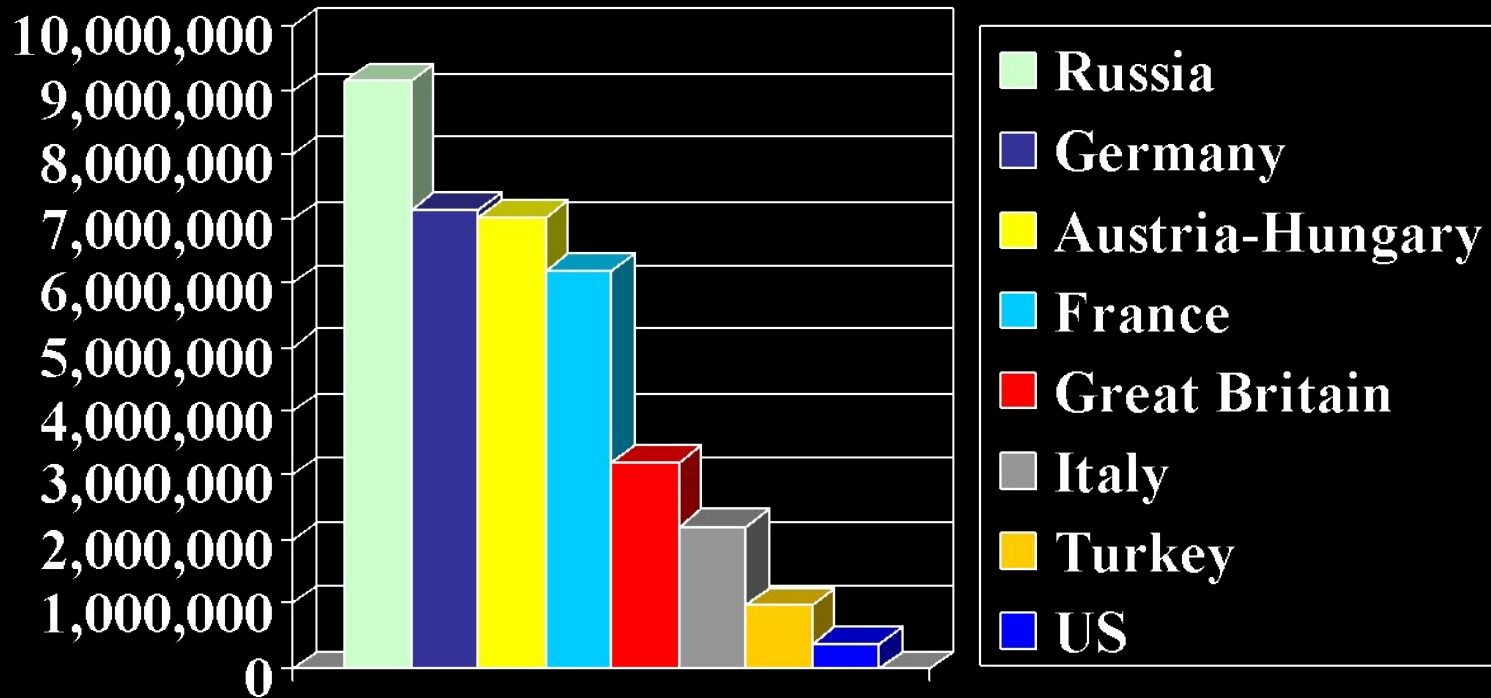


The End of WWI and the Treaty of Versailles

1918 Flu Pandemic: Depletes All Armies



World War I Casualties



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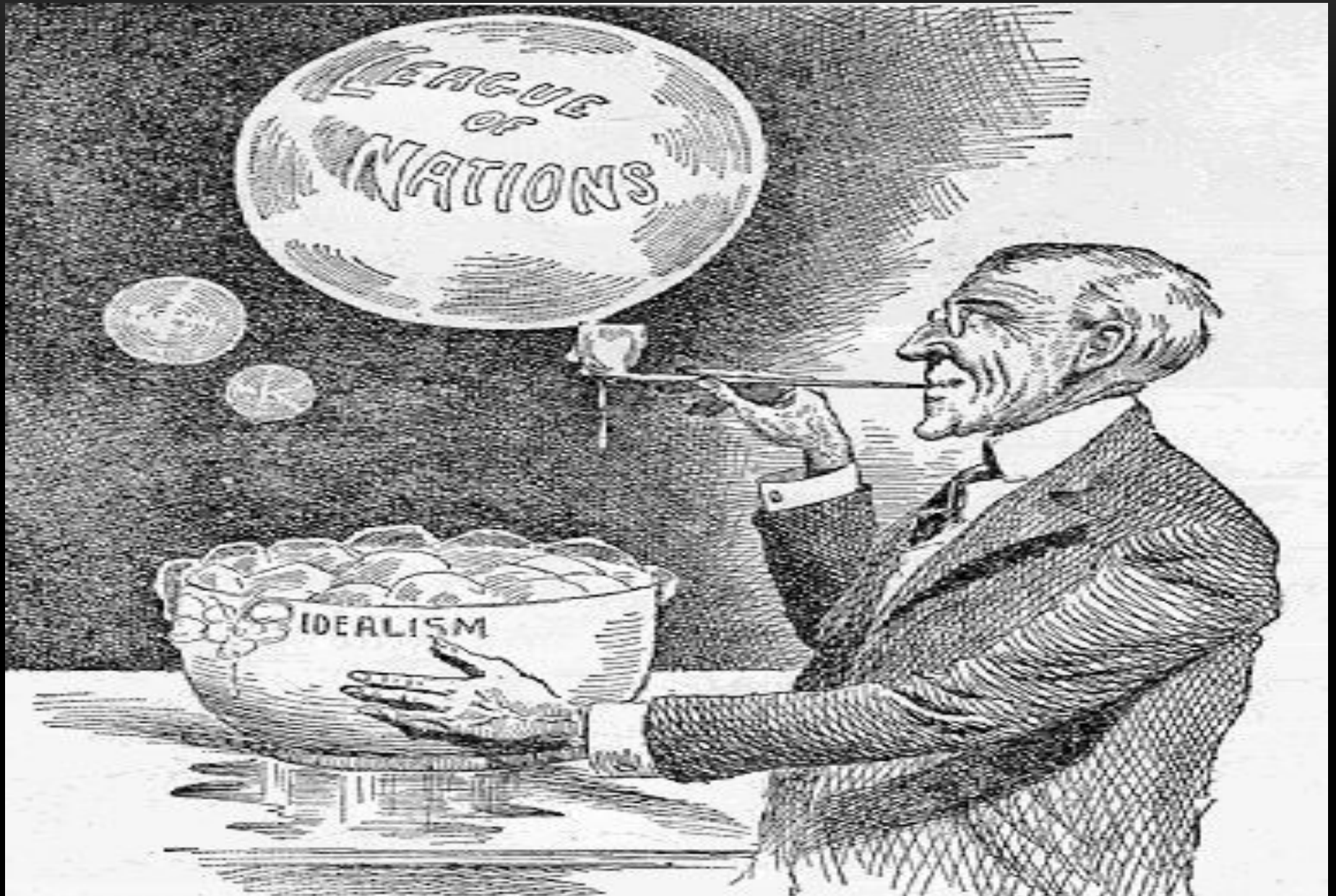
- **Armistice signed**
- **Kaiser Wilhelm II abdicated**
- **Big Four will meet at Versailles to begin the peace process**



EXPLANATION OF THE FOURTEEN POINTS

- 1. No secret treaties**
- 2. Freedom of the seas**
- 3. Lower or abolish tariffs to promote free trade**
- 4. Reduce arms buildup**
- 5. Adjustment of colonial claims**
- 6-13. Territorial agreements to promote self-determination**
- 14. League of Nations**

THE FOURTEEN POINTS



HOW DID THE EUROPEAN ALLIES REACT TO WILSON'S FOURTEEN POINTS?

1. They want **REVENGE!**
2. They want **REPARATIONS!**
3. They want Germany to accept **BLAME!**

What caused the war?

Nationalism
Imperialism
Militarism
Alliances

THE FOURTEEN POINTS



REAR VIEW.

—Orr in the *Chicago Tribune*.

THE TREATY'S FATE

- **Germany had to admit war guilt**
- **Germany had to pay reparations**
- **Germany lost land, colonies, and their military**
- **Who took advantage of the chaos in Germany following the war? What will he promise the German people?**

IRRECONCILABLE AND
RESERVATIONIST senators
block senate ratification of the
Versailles Treaty



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Henry Cabot Lodge

Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Republican



THE U.S. DID NOT SIGN THE TREATY



Wilson traveled through the country trying to convince Americans to support the Treaty and the League.

REASONS FOR REJECTION OF TREATY AND LEAGUE



YOU CAN'T REALLY BLAME HIM FOR WANTING A LIFE-PRESERVER.

Reid in *The National Republican*

- The US should avoid European entanglements (Article X).
- Congress did not want to lose its war making power.
- US should return to isolationism.
- Wilson would not compromise with the Republicans!





THE LEGACY OF THE WAR

- **The U.S. emerged as a world economic power.**
- **African-Americans' and women's place in society began to change forever.**
- **The destruction in Europe disrupted economic, political, and social systems for decades.**
- **The Treaty of Versailles planted the seeds that led to World War II.**