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WAR FLAME LEAPING OVER EUROPE

FREIGHT PILING MOUNTAINS HIGH ON GOTHAM PIERS

Millions of Tons of Export Packing Into New York City

TRANSATLANTIC SHIPPING TIED UP

More Than 4000 Loaded Cars Left Service at New Haven's Yards

SONS OF FRANCE AND OF GERMANY RESPOND TO CALL

Excuses Made by Officers of Consuls Eager to Take Up Arms

AUSTRIANS AND HUNGARIANS ANSWER ORDER

Armies of French Citizens Offer Their Services as Volunteers for France

ALL CONTINENT ABLAZE IN FIRST CLASH OF ARMIES

Germans Invade France Reported Repulsed

Russian Bear Strikes Fiercely Exposed Flank of Vaterland

British Council Calls France Russian Frontier Army at Johannesburg, After Fight With British Cavalry Squad Mobilizing For Army and Navy, Greatly Shaken—American Volunteering, Flying Train War-Torn Lands, Ask Uncle Sam's Aid

STRENGTH GERMAN AND FRENCH ARMIES ARE OPERATING

GOVERNMENT DEMANDS EVERY EFFORT TO

FRENCH FURY BOILING AT GERMAN ATTACK

TWO MILLIONS SENT TO BANKS

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Why has war been the pattern of history ever since we began to inhabit this planet? In peacetime it seems like we are trying to prevent confrontation, but the moment conflict looms, the only solution seems to lead us fight against each other. If we read the newspapers of that faithful summer of 1914, we see that every headline was forecasting terrible consequences if nations followed the path they were taking : the path towards war. Disaster was looming and widely foreseen. So why then were politicians letting themselves be taken in by the hurricane? Nationalism, religion, pride, prejudice, territorial influence...

The ultimate manipulation of the first World War was in saying that it would be "the war to end all wars." This time it is for real—they seemed to be saying. No more wars. However, because every conflict seems to leave problems unresolved or even complicates them further, this war only laid the foundation for more conflicts to come.

mense suffering, the millions of dead in the trenches, the blood abundantly spilled for an advance of just one mile on a single battlefield?

In the United States, which could not avoid being drawn into the war a few years later, a newspaper in early August, 1914 saw the situation of Europe as pure madness. The whole continent was ablaze. Germany had invaded France without a declaration of war. England was about to enter the conflict. Russia was not standing idle.

Few things can illustrate the madness of the situation like an editorial in a British paper of those days that said : "we don't know who our enemy is, nor what we are expected to fight him about". But warmongers were busy at play. The prize was territory, influence, power...

Nation after nation was dragged into a war by a dispute which did not concern them. It all started when the heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, the archduke Franz Ferdinand, and his wife, were assassinated in Sarajevo. Austria blamed the Serbian government for the murders and declared war on Serbia. The other empires of Europe, in particular Germany and Russia, could not resist the temptation to gain as much as possible from the situation.

Would people, politicians and soldiers have marched down this dangerous path had they known of the misery that was to come? The poisonous gas, the utter carnage, the thousands of maimed, the im-