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Europe Explodes Into War



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(Austria-Hungary)



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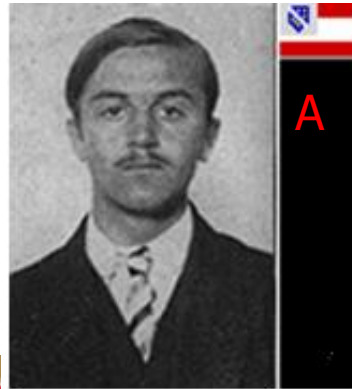
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III. M.A.I.N. Causes of WWI

A. **MILITARISM**- Many nations in EUR had been expanding their militaries for protection and “might”



	Great Britain	France	Russia	Germany	Austria-Hungary	Ottoman Empire
Size of Army	711,000	3,500,000	4,423,000	8,500,000	3,000,000	360,000

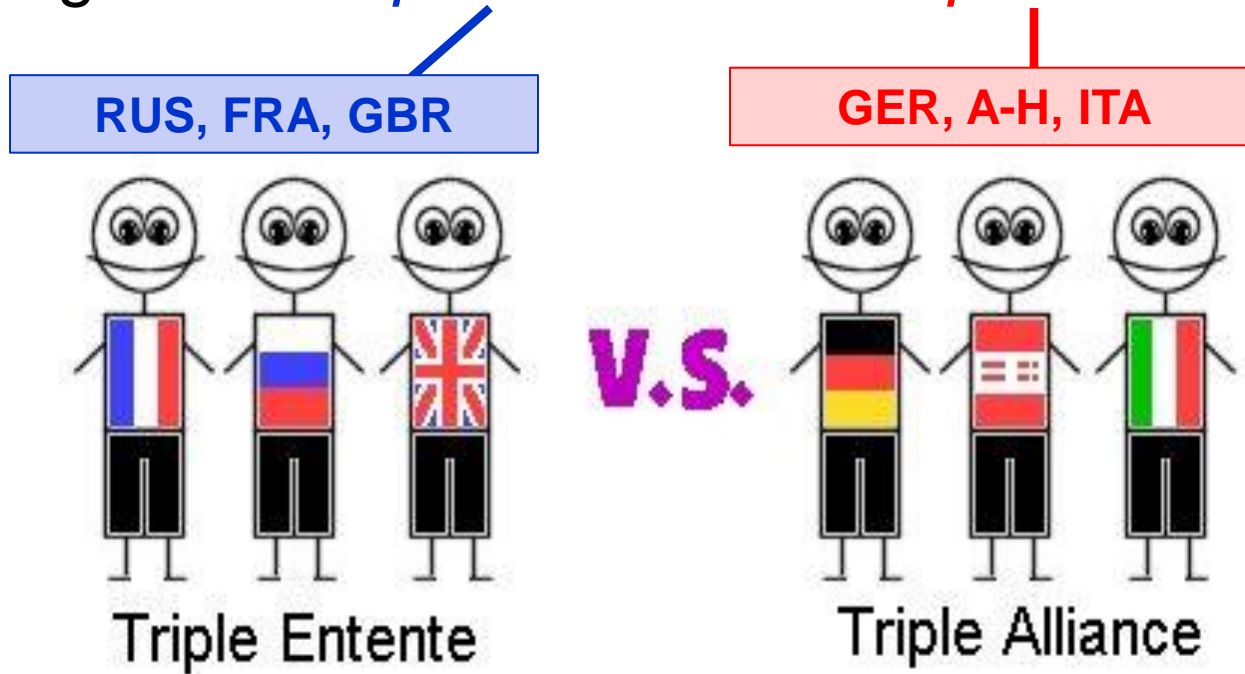
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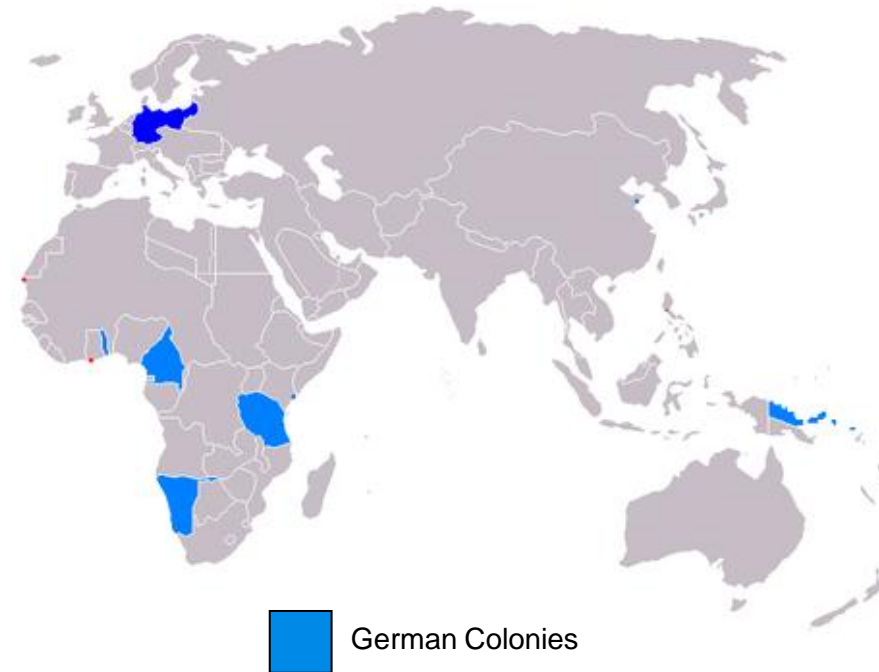
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C. **IMPERIALISM**- Competition to gain overseas territories created jealousy and rivalry amongst EUR powers

1. Many envious of GBR's large empire, especially GER

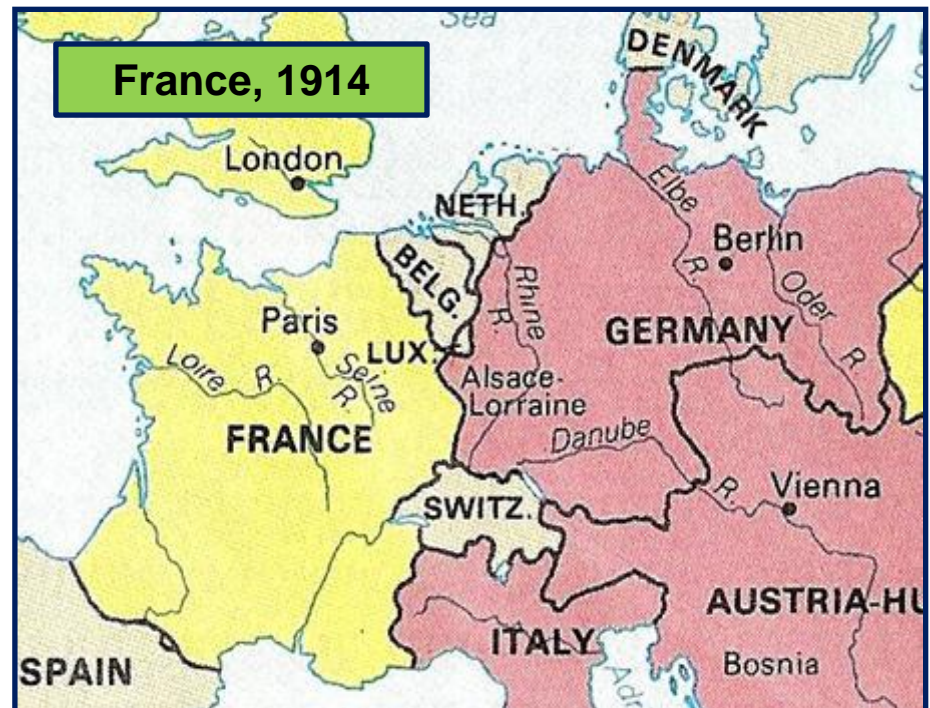


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2. Various ethnic grps. wanted to break away & form their own independent nations

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In 1914 Europe was like a bomb ready to explode because of 4 **M.A.I.N.** reasons...

...it just needed a spark to ignite!

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 - 2. Alliance Systems**
 - 3. Imperialism**
 - 4. Nationalism**



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