



# The Homefront

# Financing the War

- \$35B
- **Liberty Bonds** – Sold during war
- **Victory Bonds** – Sold after war
- Increased taxes on business & rich
  - Nonetheless, corporate profits rose to 3x prewar levels
  - 42K new millionaires from war



# Bureaucracy in Action

- **Food Administration (1917)** – Headed by **Hoover**
  - Oversaw production of scarce goods, rationing
- **War Industry Board (1917)** – **Bernard Baruch**
  - Regulate industry & labor
  - Dominated by industry leaders/price fixing
  - But did help speedy conversion to war goods
- **Fuel Administration (1917)** – **Henry Garfield**
  - Conserve coal → weakness in RR exposed/improved



# Labor

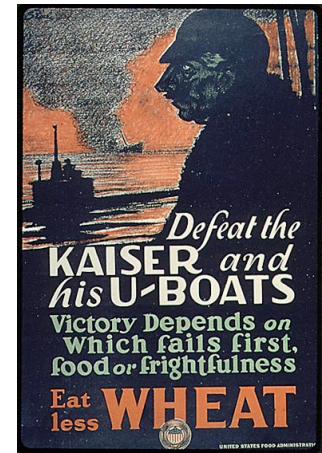
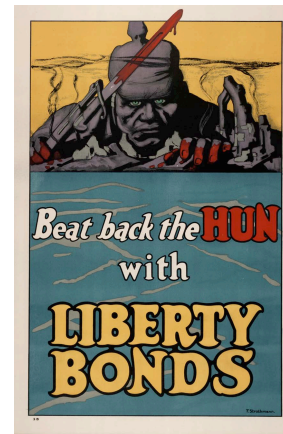
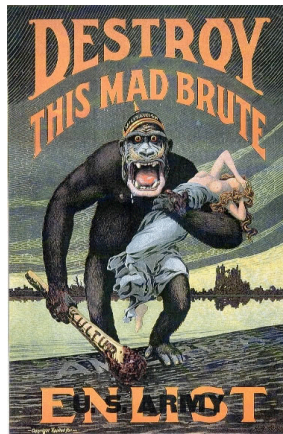
- **War Labor Board (1918) – Taft**
  - Mediated labor disputes → didn't have jurisdiction or information, so →
- **War Labor Policies Board → Felix Frankfurter**
  - Placed 4M workers in “essential war jobs”
- **Women – 40K worked in factories (against union wishes) + 20K nurses/admin → 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment**
- **Blacks – Army segregated; migrated north for work**





# Propaganda

- **Committee on Public Info. (CPI) – George Creel**
  - Keep public informed while protecting sensitive info
  - Voluntary censorship by papers
  - Hired artists/writers for propaganda
- **US fighting for democracy vs. GER Huns! →**
  - Sold a lot of bonds, anti-union, “war madness”, spy scares, witch hunts, kangaroo courts
  - No GER music, “Liberty Cabbage”, NO PRETZELS!



# Sedition & Espionage?

- Various acts made it a crime to publish or speak disloyal information including draft opposition
  - 1500 arrests for sedition & lots of vigilantism
  - **BLUM**: Blemished Wilson's war record (618)
- *Schenk v. US* (1919) – Oliver Wendell Holmes leads SCOTUS in ruling that acts are constitutional if “clear and present danger”

