

Statistics of Warring Nations

Relative Strength on Land

Armies of the Triple Entente

	Peace Strength.	War Strength.
Russia	1,290,000	2,000,000
France	720,000	1,250,000
Great Britain	256,000	730,000
Belgium	44,000	180,000
Servia	32,000	200,000
British Dominions (self-governing) ..	200,000	400,000

Total war strength 4,760,000

Armies of the Triple Alliance

	Peace Strength.	War Strength.
Austria	424,000	810,000
Germany	600,000	2,250,000

Total war strength 3,060,000

The war strength of a nation should be judged by the number of men it can equip, not by the number that has been trained. Trained men are useless unless they can be equipped and maintained in the field. For example, Russia's war strength may be nominally five million, and in reality less than three million. Some believe Russia cannot send more than a million men against Germany and Austria. Germany should be able to equip double that number, but may have difficulty in feeding them.

Relative Strength on the Ocean

Fleets of the Triple Entente

	Dreadnoughts.	Battleships.	Cruisers, Destroyers, etc.
Russia	..	12	200
France	..	24	362
Great Britain	24	35	437
Servia	..	..	...
Greece	..	4	35
Totals	24	75	1,034

Fleets of the Triple Alliance

	Dreadnoughts.	Battleships.	Cruisers, Destroyers, etc.
Germany	15	25	285
Austria	2	14	104
Totals	17	39	389

The Entente has 99 capital ships as against 56 of the Alliance. Here is where the Entente is superior and where victory should be swift and certain. Japan has 22 capital ships and Italy 18, but these will probably remain neutral.

The British ships have 104 guns, 13.5 inch; and 152 guns, 12 inch—total, 296. The Germans have 98 guns, 12 inch; and 112 guns, 11 inches—total, 210. The weight of a British broadside is 273,600 pounds, as against a German broadside of 170,400 pounds.

Relative Resources of Opponents

	Population.	Foreign Trade.	Railways (miles).	Cattle (No.).	Wheat (Bus.).
TRIPLE ENTENTE.					
Russia	160,000,000	\$1,267,673,000	43,000	42 million	970 million.
France	39,000,000	2,815,391,000	30,000	14 million	323 million.
Great Britain	45,000,000	7,000,000,000	23,250	6 million	57 million.
Belgium	7,500,000	1,630,000,000		..	8 million.
British Dominions	20,000,000	3,000,000,000	53,633	20 million	306 million.
TRIPLE ALLIANCE.					
Germany	65,000,000	4,676,275,000	37,000	20 million	170 million.
Austria-Hungary	50,000,000	1,277,003,000	26,000	15 million	225 million.

The Entente has plenty of cattle and wheat, but much of its food supply depends upon control of the trade routes. On the contrary, Germany's and Austria's supply is within reach, though smaller. If the British and French fleets bottle up or defeat the German and Austrian fleets, there will be plenty of food to supply their people, though prices will be high. Canada's immediate duty is to increase food production.

Relative Strength in the Air

Fleets of the Triple Entente

Russia	380
France	750
Great Britain	130
Total	1,260

Fleets of the Triple Alliance

Germany	350
Austria	150
Total	500

War Calendar

June 28th—Servian shot Austrian Crown Prince and Princess on Austrian territory.

July 24th—Austria serves 24-hour ultimatum on Servia. Germany foreshadows its support of Austria.

July 30th—Germany gives Russia and France 24 hours to explain mobilization.

August 1st—Germany serves ultimatum on France. Italy announces neutrality.

August 2nd—Germany declares war on Russia. German troops invade Swiss, French, Belgian and Russian territory. French repulse Germans at Petit Croix. German cruiser bombards Russian port of Libau.

August 3rd—Kaiser demands passage for German army through Belgium. Belgium refuses and appeals for Britain's protection. Britain announces she will guard France and French shipping.

August 4th—Germany declares war on Belgium. Germany admits "state of war" between herself and France. Britain declares war on Germany. King's message to Fleet.

August 5th—King George calls for volunteers for army. Belgian victory over German forces at Liege. British torpedo-boat destroyer blows up German mine-layer, Koenigin Luise.

August 6th—Kitchener appointed Britain's Minister for War. British cruiser Amphion sunk, through contact with German-laid mine.

August 7th—British troops land in France. Siege of Liege goes on. Germany's losses here are said to be 30,000.

August 8th—Germans occupy Liege. French troops capture Mulhausen in Alsace.

August 10th—France declares war on Austria. The French army, which has taken Altkirch, Mulhausen and Comar, in Alsace, faces the German army at Neubreisach. Battle imminent.

British and German Dreadnoughts

BRITISH DREADNOUGHTS.

Iron Duke, Marlborough, Colossus, Hercules, Neptune, St. Vincent, Vanguard, Superb, Collingwood, Dreadnought, Temeraire, Bellerophon, King George V., Audacious, Ajax, Centurion, Orion, Conqueror, Monarch, Thunderer, Lion, Queen Mary, Princess Royal, and New Zealand.

Total—24.

GERMAN DREADNOUGHTS.

Oldenburg, Heligoland, Ostfriesland, Thuringen, Friedrich der Grosse, Kaiser, Goeben, Von der Tann, Posen, Rheinland, Westfalen, Nassau. Also, Koenig Albert, Kaiserin Prinz Regent, Luitpold.

Total—15.