

The first general offensive in the West, sometimes known as the battle of the Marne, took place on September 6, 1914.

FIRST YEAR OF THE WAR IN THE WEST

The first month and a half of the western campaign was made up of starting, stopping, and starting again.

The battle line of the Aisne and the Oise quickly extended northeast to the sea.

At the beginning of August the Kaiser took possession of the little state of Luxembourg and demanded the passage of Belgian territory to the Franco-Belgian frontier.

Not until the Germans had almost reached the French border did the most important engagement take place.

This battle resulted in defeat for the French and English.

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Table listing military assets: Battleships, Cruisers, Submarines, Assault craft, Total tonnage, etc.

BIG EVENTS IN FIRST YEAR OF THE WORLD WAR

June 28—Archduke and Archduchess Francis of Austria slain by Serbian assassin. August 4—Germany declares war on Russia. August 5—German forces enter Luxembourg. August 6—England announces state of war with Germany.

The first year of the war on the sea was marked by the capture of the Lusitania and the sinking of the Sussex.

CAMPAIGNS OUTSIDE BIG WAR THEATERS

In a score of regions there has been fighting which would have held worldwide attention were it not for the strategic lines in France and Poland.

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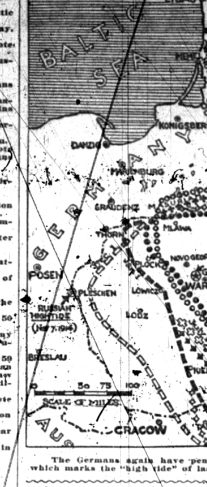
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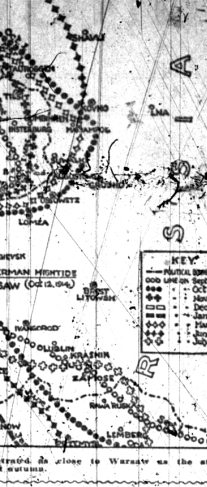
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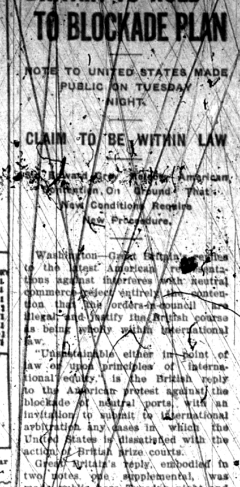
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THE FIRST YEAR OF THE WAR IN THE AIR

In the air the struggle has been a disappointment, the aeroplanes a revelation of the aeroplanes.

On June 13, 23 allied aeroplanes were shot down in the air.

The largest aeroplanes piloted by the French were shot down by German machines.

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