



## MacArthur Memorial Education Programs

### Early Effects of the War in Europe

Directions: Use the headlines below to answer the questions. All headlines are from the American newspaper The Virginian-Pilot (1914).

**GENERAL EUROPEAN  
WAR A PROBABILITY**

**WAR SCARE DEMORALIZES  
WORLD'S STOCK MARKETS**

**Wheat And Other Foodstuff Advance Sharply--  
Trading Wild In Chicago--Flood Of  
Gold Towards Europe**

1. What do the headlines above describe?
2. Based on the headlines, does it seem like American's think they will be involved in this war? Why?
3. Why do you think American's are concerned about events in Europe? How might a war in Europe impact America?



## EUROPEAN WAR

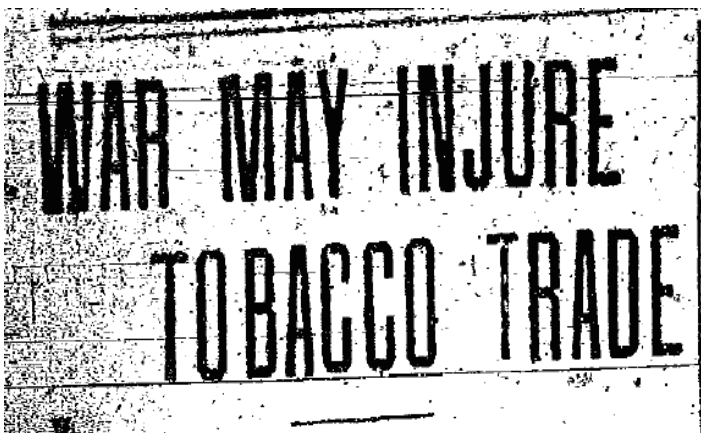
### Will Drive Prices Skyward On Oriental Rugs

A continuation of the great European struggle can have but one effect upon the Oriental rug market, and that—to DRIVE prices skyward. Just how high they may go will be determined entirely by the length of the war. Certainly rug-weaving will be brought to a standstill in all of the great centers throughout Russia and other countries where war exists.

The fact that all real Oriental rugs are hand made—woven by the natives—different patterns and color effects being confined to different tribes or localities—and that one, two and even three years are often required to weave a single rug will give you an idea of just how far reaching even a short war may be and just what to expect, when the source of supply is practically cut off in the face of a rapidly increasing demand.

\$50,000 Stock Concerned  
In This Great Annual  
August Sale At An Aver-

4. Based on the advertisement and headline to the left, what do you think is the biggest concern for the United States regarding the war in Europe? What led you to this conclusion?



5. Why might the war in Europe “injure” the tobacco trade in the United States? Which part of the country would be most affected by this and why?

6. What is the role of the United States in World War I during 1914? Do you think most people in the United States are concerned about the war? Why or why not?