



A serio-comic map of Europe on the brink of World War One

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A German separate-issue caricature map of Europe on the brink of war, with a strong propaganda content. Both Germany and Austria are depicted as grinning soldiers: Germany has one hand on France's shoulder, the other punches the Russian bear in the head; Austria aims his bayoneted rifle at a bearded Russian face. The Russian, swigging from a bottle of vodka, is chained to the bear by nose rings. England has a mailed fist in his face and a zeppelin in the ribs, while Ireland cuts the chain England holds and the Indian python strangles his bulldog. Turkey reclines, smoking and looking away. In an inset Japan is shown as a half-clothed tribesman, wielding a sword.

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